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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2924**



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Introduced by: **REP. TOBIAS "TOBY" M. TIANGCO**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**


This bill seeks to honor all Filipinos who reach the age of one hundred one (101) years old, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad by granting a centenarian gift in the amount of one million pesos (P1,000,000). Filipinos who reach the age of eighty (80), eighty-five (85), ninety (90), and ninety-five (95) years old shall also receive a cash gift of twenty-five thousand pesos (P25,000).

This is in accordance with Section 4 of Article XV of the Constitution which states that, "The family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security." This is also to honor the centenarians' contribution to society.

Representatives from the Office of Senior Citizen Affairs (OSCA) are supportive of the said bill "since the number of Filipinos reaching 100 continue to decrease." With the foregoing, the said benefits will aid them with the means to purchase necessities such as food and medicines and eventually live longer lives.

This bill was approved in the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress as House Bill No. 10647 and was transmitted to the Senate for its consideration.

In the light of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS,**  
**RECOGNIZING OCTOGENARIANS AND NONAGENARIANS, AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE**  
**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CENTENARIANS**  
**ACT OF 2016'**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10868 is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift **BENEFITS FOR CENTENARIANS.** – All Filipinos who reach the age of one hundred (100) years old, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad, shall be honored with:

- (a) A Letter of Felicitation from the President of the Philippines congratulating the celebrant [for his and her] ON ONE'S longevity; and
- (b) A Centenarian Gift in the amount of one million pesos (P100,000,000.00)

**"ALL FILIPINO CENTENARIANS WHO REACH THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED ONE YEARS OLD SHALL RECEIVE A CASH GIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) ON THEIR BIRTHDAY."**

**SEC. 2.** A new section denominated as Section 3 of the same Act is added to read as follows:

**"SEC. 3. BENEFITS FOR OCTOGENARIANS AND NONAGENARIANS. – ALL FILIPINOS WHO REACH THE AGE OF EIGHTY (80), EIGHTY-FIVE (85), NINETY (90) AND**

**NINETY-FIVE (95) YEARS OLD SHALL ALSO RECEIVE A LETTER OF FELICITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT AND A CASH GIFT OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000.00)."**

**SEC. 3.** Sections 3 and 4 of the same Act are renumbered as Sections 4 and 5 respectively.

**SEC. 4.** A new section denominated as Section 6 of the same Act is added to read as follows:

**"SEC. 6. LEAD AGENCY. – THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS (NCSC) SHALL IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT."**

**SEC. 5.** Section 5 of the same Act is renumbered as Section 7 and amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. [5]7. [Funding. – During the initial year of the implementation of 3 this Act, the requisite fund shall be sourced from the available funds of 4 the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and 5 subsequently the amount necessary to implement the provisions of this 6 Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.]"**

**"APPROPRIATIONS. – THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT."**

**SEC. 6.** Section 6 of the same Act is renumbered as Section 8 and amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. [6]8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the [Secretaries of the DSWD] CHAIRPERSON OF THE NCSC SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, the [Department] SECRETARY of the Interior and Local Government, the [Department] SECRETARY of Health, [and] the Executive Director of the Commission on Filipino Overseas, AND THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS OFFICE, [shall] promulgate the necessary [guidelines for and shall take the lead in] RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR the effective implementation of this Act."**

**SEC. 7.** Sections 7 and 8 of the same Act are renumbered as Sections 9 and 10 respectively.

**SEC. 8.** All laws, presidential decrees, issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules or regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.