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House Bill No. **3454**



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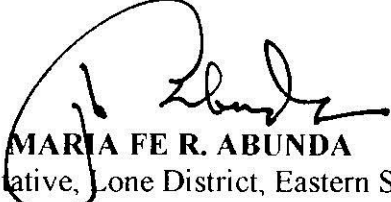
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure stands in line with Section 4, Article XV of the 1987 Constitution which provides that “the family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through programs of social security”. It seeks uplift our elderly as it would continue to ensure that they are constantly taken care of, prioritized, and loved by the State.

This bill particularly aims to amend Republic Act No. 10868, also known as the “Centenarians Act of 2016” by dividing the cash gift therein into three (3) tranches, namely as the beneficiary turns 80, 90, and 100 years old with a grant of PHP25,000.00, PHP25,000.00, and PHP50,000.00 respectively by providing them with earlier opportunities to use the cash gifts for their necessary expenses. The amendment will allow more of our country’s senior citizens to enjoy and take advantage of these financial incentives as they proceed towards such an important milestone in their lives.

Those who once cared for us and who have carried our nation’s cultural heritage must be given the proper assistance. Consequently, they must be given a better chance to enjoy the benefits of this law.

Thus, the passage and approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION TWO OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868 OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS "AN ACT HONORING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND
PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

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

SECTION 1. Section two of Republic Act No. 10868 is further amended as follows:

“Sec. 2. *Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift.* 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 or her longevity, and
- (b) A Centenarian Gift in the amount of one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) **TO BE DIVIDED AND DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:**
 - (i) **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP25,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF EIGHTY (80);**
 - (ii) **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP25,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF NINETY (90); AND**
 - (iii) **THE REMAINING BALANCE OF FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP50,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100)."**

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,