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HOUSE BILL NO. 7454



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to honor Filipino centenarians, nonagenarians, and octogenarians by giving cash gifts for reaching these age milestones.

To this end, this measure, in addition to the one hundred thousand already granted to centenarians, gives a million pesos for centenarians who reach one hundred and one (101) years, twenty-five thousand pesos for those who come to the ages eighty (80), eighty-five (85), ninety (90), and ninety-five (95). The lead agency shall be the National Commission of Senior Citizens.

Hence, this representation seeks the passage of this measure.


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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:***

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

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

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9 (a) A letter of felicitation from the President of the Philippines
10 congratulating the celebrant [for his and her] **ON ONE’S**
11 longevity; and
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13 (b) A Centenarian Gift in the amount of one hundred
14 thousand pesos (P100,000.00)
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16 **“ALL FILIPINO CENTENARIANS WHO REACH THE**
17 **AGE OF ONE HUNDRED AND ONE (101) YEARS OLD SHALL**

1 **RECEIVE A CASH GIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION**
2 **PESOS (P1,000,000.00) ON THEIR BIRTHDAY.”**

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

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8 **“SEC. 3. BENEFITS FOR OCTOGENARIANS AND**
9 **NONAGENARIANS. – ALL FILIPINOS WHO REACH THE**
10 **AGE OF EIGHTY (80), EIGHTY-FIVE (85), NINETY (90)**
11 **AND NINETY-FIVE (95) YEARS OLD SHALL ALSO**
12 **RECEIVE A LETTER OF FELICITATION FROM THE**
13 **PRESIDENT AND A CASH GIFT OF TWENTY-FIVE**
14 **THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000.00).”**

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

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

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22 **“SEC. 6. LEAD AGENCY. – THE NATIONAL COMMISSION**
23 **OF SENIOR CITIZENS (NCSC) SHALL IMPLEMENT THE**
24 **PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.”**

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

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28 **“SEC. [5]7. [Funding. – During the initial year of the**
29 **implementation of this Act, the requisite fund shall be**
30 **sourced from the available funds of the Department of Social**
31 **Welfare and Development (DSWD) and subsequently the**
32 **amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act**
33 **shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.”]**

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35 **“APPROPRIATIONS. – THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR**
36 **THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE**
37 **INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS**
38 **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,