



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7330

Introduced by Representative
JC M. ABALOS



EXPLANATORY NOTE

Growing old is not a burden, it is a badge of honor that reflects a lifetime of hard work, sacrifice, and love for family and country. Every senior citizen carries within them the story of the Philippines, its struggles, triumphs, and enduring spirit.

The Centenarian Act of 2016, later amended by Republic Act No. 11982 in 2024, rightfully honors Filipinos who reach the milestone ages of 80, 85, 90, 95, and 100. Yet, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), the average life expectancy in the Philippines stands at only 66.4 years – 63.4 for males and 69.9 for females.¹ This means that many Filipinos never live long enough to receive these benefits - or if they do receive it they often do not have the chance to enjoy the incentives they acquire.

Further, in terms of labor, according to the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) estimates that around 42.1% of senior citizens continue to work to support themselves amid rising medical costs and limited pensions.² Too often, they spend their later years quietly enduring financial and emotional struggles, despite having contributed so much to our nation.

¹ World Health Organization. "Life Expectancy and Healthy Life Expectancy: Philippines." *WHO Global Health Observatory*. 2024.

² Department of Labor and Employment, *Senior Citizens and the Labor Force in the Philippines: 2024 Report* (Manila: DOLE, 2024)

Thus, this bill seeks to grant cash incentives beginning at age sixty (60) years old, allowing our elders to feel the nation's gratitude while they are still with us. It is not merely a financial gesture, but a heartfelt recognition of their lifelong service, sacrifice, and love.

The Expanded Centenarians Act was a step toward compassion; this measure takes it further ensuring that no Filipino elder is left unseen, unrewarded, or forgotten.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS TO FILIPINO SEXAGENARIAN AND SEPTUAGENARIAN, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11982, AMENDED REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868 OR THE "CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 11982, an act granting benefits to Filipino Octogenarians and Nonagenarians amending Republic Act No. 10868, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10868, otherwise known as the "Centenarians Act of 2016", is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift. - All Filipinos, whether residing in the Philippine or abroad, upon reaching the age of one hundred (100) years old, shall receive a cash gift of [One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00)] **FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00)** and a letter of felicitation from the President of the Philippines congratulating the celebrant for his or her longevity.

All Filipinos, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad, upon reaching the **AGE OF SIXTY (60) YEARS OLD, SHALL RECEIVE A CASH GIFT OF SIXTY THOUSAND PESOS (P60,000.00), AND UPON REACHING** the ages of **SEVENTY (70), SEVENTY-FIVE (75),** eighty (80), eighty-five (85), ninety (90), and ninety-five (95), shall

each receive a cash gift of [Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00)] **FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00).**

The grantees under this section shall be eligible to receive the cash gift within one (1) year from reaching the ages of **SIXTY (60), SEVENTY (70), SEVENTY-FIVE (75)**, eighty (80), eighty-five (85), ninety (90), ninety-five (95) and one hundred (100)."

SEC. 2. Appropriations.- The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules or regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof, contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,