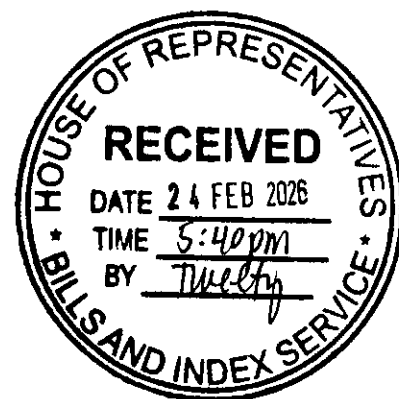


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8073



Introduced by Representative Jaime R. Fresnedi

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to grant an annual benefit of Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) to all Filipino centenarians. The benefit shall be separate and distinct from the existing P100,000.00 one-time cash gift under Republic Act No. 10868, otherwise known as the "Centenarians Act of 2016".

Filipino centenarians represent a rare and remarkable segment of our population. Their longevity stands as a testament to enduring Filipino values and the collective history they have witnessed from pre-war Philippines to the modern Republic.

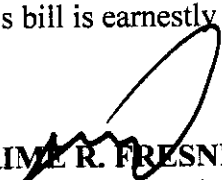
Centenarians are among the most vulnerable members of society. At such advanced age, many face heightened medical expenses, mobility limitations, and the need for specialized care. A single lump-sum benefit, though helpful, may not be sufficient to ensure sustained dignity and well-being in the years that follow.

The proposed annual benefit is modest in fiscal impact, given the relatively small and clearly identifiable population of centenarians nationwide. However, its social impact is significant. It reinforces the State's commitment under the Constitution to promote social justice, protect the elderly, and enhance the quality of life of senior citizens.

Moreover, this measure aligns with the broader mandate of the National Commission of Senior Citizens to ensure that policies affecting older persons are responsive, compassionate, and grounded in dignity. By institutionalizing an annual benefit, Congress affirms that recognition of centenarians is not a one-day celebration but a continuing expression of national gratitude.

In a society that honors its elders, the measure of progress is not merely economic growth but the extent to which the most senior among us are treated with respect, care, and tangible support.

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


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OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*Additional Benefit for Centenarians Act.*”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to honor and recognize Filipino citizens who have reached the age of one hundred (100) years as part of the nation’s commitment to promote the welfare, dignity, and well-being of senior citizens. The State affirms its responsibility to support them through meaningful incentives and assistance.

SEC. 3. *Grant of Annual Benefit.* – All Filipino citizens residing in the Philippines, who reach the age of one hundred (100) years shall be entitled to a benefit of Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) to be granted yearly on the occasion of the centenarian’s birthday for as long as he or she is living.

This annual benefit shall be separate and distinct from the one-time cash gift granted under Republic Act No. 10868.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Agency.* – The National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC), in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), local government units (LGUs), and other concerned agencies, shall be responsible for the implementation of this Act.

The NCSC shall:

- a. Maintain and update a registry of Filipino centenarians;
- b. Establish guidelines for the verification and validation of qualified beneficiaries;
- and
- c. Ensure efficient and timely release of incentives.

SEC. 5. *Funding.* – The initial amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be charged to the current year's Presidential Social Fund under the Office of the President. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual appropriations of the National Commission of Senior Citizens.

SEC. 6. *Role of Local Government Units.* – Local government units specifically the Barangays, shall assist in identifying and validating qualified beneficiaries within their jurisdiction and shall support the dissemination of information regarding the benefits provided under this Act.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCSC, in coordination with the DSWD, Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and other relevant agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,