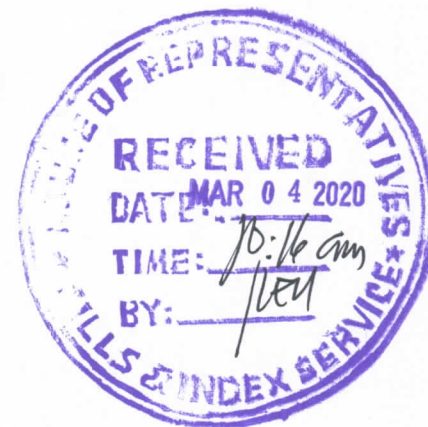


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EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016, AMENDING FOR  
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution is loaded with social justice precepts, to wit:

“The Congress shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic, and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequities by equitably diffusing wealth and political power for the common good. xxx” (Article XIII, Section 1).

Moreover, Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution stipulates “[t] he family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security.”


In the Philippines, a flurry of benefits is granted to senior citizens such as discounts on food and medicines, free medical check-ups, tax exemptions, as well as perks for travel, leisure and entertainment purposes, among other social justice measures being implemented. While those that reached the age of 60 are enjoying the benefits, centenarians, in reality, could not enjoy the cash grants provided under Republic Act No. 10868 Centenarians Law of 2016 mainly due of their frailty or some of them are suffering from lingering illnesses.

As such, this bill is filed to amend, specifically, Section 2 of the Centenarians Act to grant staggered benefits to would-be centenarians. Once this measure is enacted, senior citizens will receive cash grants of P10,000 when they reach 80 years old; another P10,000 for 90 years old, and P100,000 when they reach 100.

This initiative will not only let would-be centenarians to enjoy the benefits that they will receive since the number of those reaching 100 years old are continue to decline.

This legislation is also a perfect tribute to the contributions of senior citizens in our society—in any way—as another social justice and social security milestone for old-age Filipino citizens.

Passage of this measure is urgently requested.

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

1 Section 1. Sec. 2 of Republic Act No. 10868, otherwise known as Centenarians Act of 2016, is  
2 hereby amended to read, as follows:  
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4 Sec. 2. *Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift.* - All Filipinos who reach the age of EIGHTY (80)  
5 YEARS OLD, NINETY (90) YEARS OLD, AND one hundred (100) years old, whether residing  
6 in the Philippines or abroad, shall be honoured with:  
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8 [(a) A Letter of Felicitation from the President of the Philippines congratulating  
9 the celebrant for his or her longevity; and]  
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11 [b] (a) A [Centenarian] CASH Gift in the amount of TEN THOUSAND PESOS  
12 (P10,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, TEN  
13 THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF NINETY (90)  
14 YEARS OLD, and one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) UPON REACHING THE  
15 AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD; AND  
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17 (b) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD, A  
18 LETTER OF FELICITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES  
19 CONGRATULATING THE CELEBRANT FOR HIS OR HER LONGEVITY.  
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21 Sec. 2. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional,  
22 other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

1 Sec. 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts thereof  
2 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified  
3 accordingly.

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5 Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official  
6 Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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8 Approved,