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House Bill No. 4895



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**Introduced by Representatives ERIC GO YAP, JOCELYN PUA TULFO, and  
ROWENA NIÑA TADURAN**

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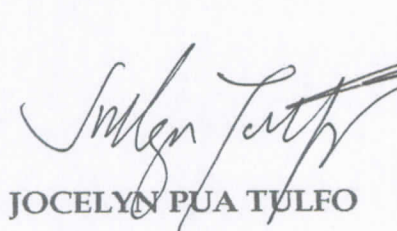
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article XV, Section 4 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provided that "The family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security." The enactment of Republic Act No. 10868 (Centenarians Act) demonstrate the respect and recognition to the Filipino elderly, particularly to those who have reached the age of one hundred years old.

In reality, very few Filipinos reach the centenarian age and if ever they have reached it, they would not be able to enjoy the privilege accorded to them by law due to health deterioration. Statistics (2018) reveal that Filipinos have an average life expectancy of 69.3 years.

This bill seeks to amend the current law by advancing the grant of privileges to our elderlies upon reaching the ages of seventy-five (75), eighty (80), eighty-five (85), ninety (90), ninety-five (95) and one hundred (100). With this bill, older persons with the said ages, who are still in good health conditions, can enjoy these entitlements for their personal and family needs and enjoyment.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING SECTION TWO OF REPUBLIC ACT 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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress  
assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** Section two of R.A. 10868 is further amended as follows:

*"Sec. 2. Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift.* All Filipinos who reach the age of **SEVENTY-FIVE (75) YEARS OLD, EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, EIGHTY-FIVE (85) YEARS OLD, NINETY (90) YEARS OLD, NINETY-FIVE (95) YEARS OLD, AND** 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 **UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100)** for his or her longevity; and
- (b) A [Centenarian] **CASH** Gift in the amount of **TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) FOR 75 YEARS OLD, TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) WHEN THEY REACH 80 YEARS OLD, TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) WHEN THEY REACH 85 YEARS OLD, TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) WHEN THEY REACH 90 YEARS OLD, ANOTHER TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) FOR 95 YEARS OLD, and one hundred thousand pesos UPON REACHING THE AGE OF 100 TOGETHER WITH THE FELICITATION LETTER MENTIONED.**

**SECTION 2. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders and proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 3. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspaper of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,