

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City



**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4986

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Introduced by Representative **TYRONE D. AGABAS**  
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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 10868 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT**  
**HONORING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND**  
**PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS, AND FOR OTHER**  
**PURPOSES"**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

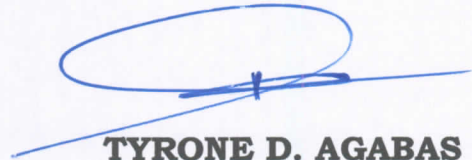
This bill seeks to amend Republic Act 10868, otherwise known as the "Centenarians Act of 2016."

The family has the duty to care for its elderly members but the state may also do so through just programs of social security (Section 4, Article XV, 1987 Constitution).

The Centenarians Act 2016 has been one of the most laudable legislations which recognized not only the longevity of our senior citizens but, most importantly, their significant contributions to our society. In a time-honored culture and tradition, we value elders with high regard and respect. Seniors are knowledgeable people who are blessed with wisdom gained through their life histories and personal experiences.

However, the growing clamor of our elders for the lowering of the age requirement from One Hundred (100) to Eighty (80) years of age has become even more pragmatic and real. Due to medical and health reasons, more and more senior citizens fail to reach their centenarian age. In recognizing their pivotal role in nation development, they plead that the government should lower the age requirement from 100 to 80 years of age in such a manner that they, too, will be able to experience and enjoy the support of the government at their critical age.

Hence, this earnest request for the immediate passage of this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section two (2) R.A. 10868 is further amended as  
2 follows:

3 “Sec. 2. *Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift.* All Filipinos who  
4 reach the age of **EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, EIGHTY-FIVE (85)**  
5 **YEARS OLD, NINETY (90) YEARS OLD, NINETY-FIVE (95)**  
6 **YEARS OLD, AND** one hundred (100) years old, whether  
7 residing in the Philippines or abroad shall be honored with:

8 (a) A Letter of Felicitation from the President of the  
9 Philippines congratulating the celebrant **UPON**  
10 **REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100)** for his or  
11 her longevity; and

12 (b) A [Centenarian] **CASH** Gift in the amount of **TWENTY-**  
13 **FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000.00) WHEN THEY**



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14 REACH THE AGES OF 80, 85 AND 90 YEARS OLD,  
15 FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) UPONG  
16 REACHING 95 YEARS OLD, and one hundred thousand  
17 pesos WHEN REACHING THE AGE OF 100 TOGETHER  
18 WITH THE FELICITATION LETTER AS STATED IN THE  
19 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH.

20 **SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
21 rules and regulations inconsistent with any provisions of this Act  
22 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

23 **SEC. 3. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
24 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of  
25 general circulation.

26 Approved,