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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by Representative **CARLITO S. MARQUEZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

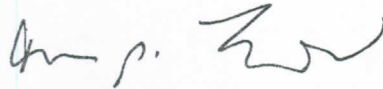
This bill seeks to amend certain provision of the Centenarians Act of 2016 or RA 10868.

Article XV, Section 4 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution specifically provide 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 10868 giving honor to Filipinos who have reached the age of one hundred years old whether residing in the Philippines or abroad, is a testament that the State accords due reverence, gratitude and worth to our elderlies particularly those who reached the age of one hundred.

However, about a handful reach the centenarian age and if ever they have reached it, they were not able to enjoy and savor the privilege bequeathed to them by law due to health relapse. Statistics disclose that Filipinos have a life expectancy at birth of 69.4 years. Out of 100 Million population in our country, only 205 people have reached the age of 100 years old and above. According to DSWD, at least 1,009 Filipino centenarians have so far received their P100,000 cash gifts from the government in August of 2018.

To show that the State has its full concern, let us give them the full coverage of health benefits by all government hospitals, meaning, the centenarians will not pay a single centavo for his or her check up or hospitalization in a government hospital.

Immediate 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 the 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 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] Gift in the amount of one hundred thousand pesos **UPON REACHING THE AGE OF 100 TOGETHER WITH THE FELICITATION LETTER MENTIONED.**

**(c) THE FELICITATION LETTER SHALL BE THE GATE
PASS FOR THE FULL COVERAGE OF HIS OR HER
FREE CHECK-UP OR FREE HOSPITALIZATION IN
ANY GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL.**

Section 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, circulars, rules and regulations inconsistent with any provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved.