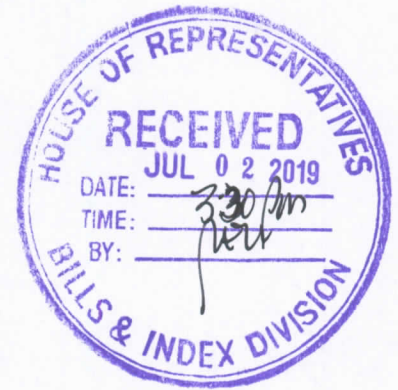


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House Bill No. 1055



Introduced by Honorable Dahlia A. Loyola

EXPLANATORY NOTE

RA 10868 known as the Centenarians Act of 2016 provides that an elderly who reached the age of 100 is entitled to P100,000 cash grant from the government. A cash gift that is value added tax-free which centenarians receive through their respective local governments. This only shows how our government is giving importance to our elderly. This law recognizes and honors our elderly for their longevity and contribution to the community.

However, studies show that the average Filipino can expect to live only 71 years. It is rare for people to reach the age of 100, and even if they do, they cannot fully enjoy the benefits of the law because they are already suffering from health problems or bed-ridden. Last year, lawmakers said out of the 3,900 centenarians in the country, only 2,000 were able to receive the cash incentive due them as some were already bedridden.


Officials argued that living 85 years already deserve incentives. Reaching the age of 85 is very rare nowadays. And these individuals really need assistance as they need constant medical attention and extra care.

Thus, this bill seeks to lower the age bracket for beneficiaries of the P100,000 incentive under the Centenarians Act of 2016 by allowing our citizens to avail, in advance, of the cash benefit given to centenarians upon reaching the age of 85. They will be able to claim 25,000 upon reaching the age of 85; additional 25,000 upon

reaching the age of 90; and the balance of 50,000 upon reaching the age of 100. It is hoped that making this sum available to our elderly Filipinos will allow them to get the care needed to remain in good health, as well as add comfort and quality to their daily lives.

Growing old is never a hindrance to leading productive lives. Lowering the age bracket will ensure that our beloved senior citizens receive the benefits as provided in the law while they still are strong and able to enjoy the cash incentive. This will be a meaningful gift to our senior citizens, who can still make a difference in society and contribute much to nation-building. Our senior citizens have important role in our society and our family so it is just appropriate to help them through this legislation.

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



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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10868 is hereby amended
2 to read as follows:

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4 "Section 2. Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift. All Filipinos who reach
5 the of one hundred (100) years old, whether residing in the Philippines
6 or abroad, shall be honored with:

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8 (a) A Letter of Felicitation from the President of the Philippines
9 congratulating the celebrant for his or her longevity; and

10 (b) A [Centenarian] **CASH** gift in the amount of one hundred thousand
11 pesos (Php100,000.00) **TO BE DISTRIBUTED AND GIVEN AS**
12 **FOLLOWS: (I) TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS**
13 **(PHP25,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF EIGHTY-FIVE**
14 **(85), (II) ADDITIONAL TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS**
15 **(PHP25,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF NINETY (90),**

16 **AND (III) THE BALANCE OF FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS**
17 **(PHP50,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE**
18 **HUNDRED (100).**

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20 **SEC. 2. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is
21 declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected
22 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Approved,