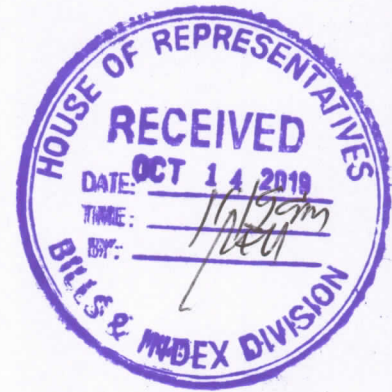


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Republic Act No. 10868, otherwise known as the "Centenarians Act of 2016", grants cash gift in the amount of P100,000 to any Filipino citizen who reached the age of 100. However, a few people only reach the centenarian age. And for some who are fortunate to reach the centenarian age, they are not able to fully enjoy the cash gift given to them because of health deterioration.

According to the World Health Organization, Filipinos have an average life expectancy of 66 years for male and 73 years for female. The shorter lifespan of Filipinos has resulted to lesser elderly benefitting from entitlements provided by the law.

This bill proposes to amend RA 10869 by authorizing the grant of Centenarian Cash Gift in three tranches. This would advance the grant of cash gift upon reaching the age of 80, 90 and then 100. Through this bill, we hope that the Filipino elderly would be able to maximize their privileges and assist them to further prolong their life.

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

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**MANUEL DG. CABOCHAN III**  
*Representative*  
Magdalo Para Sa Pilipino Party-List

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AN ACT  
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CENTENARIAN CASH GIFT IN THREE (3)  
TRANCHES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016

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

1       **SECTION 1.** Section 2 (b) of Republic Act No. 10868 or the Centenarians Act of  
2 2016 is 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 one  
5 hundred (100) years old, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad, shall be  
6 honored 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

10       (b) A Centenarian Gift in the amount of one hundred thousand pesos  
11 (P100,000.00)[.] **TO BE GIVEN IN THREE (3) TRANCHES, TO WIT:**

12       i. AT AGE 80 – TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00)

13       ii. AT AGE 90 – THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00)

14       iii. AT AGE 100 – FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00)

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16       **NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL MEAN TO REFUND THE AMOUNT**  
17 **ALREADY RECEIVED IN CASE THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT REACH THE**  
18 **AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS.”**

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20       **SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*** – Within thirty (30) days from the  
21 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development  
22 shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this  
23 Act.

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25       **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof  
26 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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28       **SEC. 4. *Separability Clause*** – If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid  
29 or unconstitutional, the other parts not otherwise affected shall remain in full effect and force.

1           **SEC. 5. *Effectivity*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
2   in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*