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HOUSE BILL NO. 5414



Introduced by Hon. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto


Explanatory Note

The enactment of Republic Act 10868, otherwise known as the "Centenarians Act of 2017", which honored Filipinos who reached the age of one hundred (100) years, granting them additional benefits and privileges, earned praise for it showcased the country's admiration and respect to its elderly citizens. Under this law, Filipinos who reach the age of 100 are honored and are given a cash grant amounting to One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00).

Despite the modest intention of this law, unfortunately, many elderly Filipinos are unable to reach the ripe age of 100, thus, rendering them unable to enjoy the privileges and benefits of the law. It is a fact that the elderly Filipinos, or also referred to as senior citizens, are part of a vulnerable sector in society. With the rising cost of living and healthcare expenses, some of our senior citizens find it difficult or are unable to afford various medications and medical procedures, opting to forego medical treatments to prevent further increasing the financial burden upon them and their families.

This measure seeks to further help the elderly Filipinos by amending Republic Act 10968, allowing senior citizens to avail of the cash grant earlier, at the age of Eighty (80). They will be able to claim 25% of the Php 100,000.00 cash grant, with the remaining granted upon reaching the age of 90 and 100.

In view of the foregoing, the 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:*

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

"Section 2. Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift. All Filipinos who reach the age of **NINETY (90) 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 for his or her longevity; and

(b) A Centenarian] **CASH** gift in the amount of one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00), **TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS: (I) TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P 25,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF EIGHTY (80), (II) TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P 25,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF NINETY (90), AND (III) THE BALANCE OF FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100).**"

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

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

SECTION 4. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,