

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



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HOUSE BILL NO. 390

Introduced by HONORABLE MA. LOURDES T. ARROYO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act 10868, otherwise known as the “Centenarians Act of 2006” by allowing our senior citizens to receive in advance, the cash gift given to centenarians upon reaching the ages of eighty (80), eighty-five (85), ninety (90), ninety-five (95) and one hundred (100) respectively.

This is in consonance with the constitutional provision 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.”

Republic Act 10868 grants a Php100,000.00 cash gift to all Filipino centenarian, but the value of cash grant can never be overstressed. More than the cash gift, we pay tribute and accord great respect to our Filipino centenarians in recognition for their longevity.

Data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) shows that more or less 900,000 people belong to the age group of 80 years old and above. Also, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has allotted Php3.9 Million for the 2019 implementation of the Centenarian Act. In fact, a total of Php2.3 Million cash gifts were already released to 7 centenarians in different provinces.

Advancing these cash gifts to our elderly citizens will be of great help to them financially, as well for the enjoyment of their families.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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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”

Be it enacted by the Senate and 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 **EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, EIGHTY-FIVE (85) YEARS OLD NINETY (90) YEARS OLD, NINETY-FIVE (95) YEARS OLD, 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 **UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100)** for his or her longevity; and

(b) A [Centenarian] **CASH** Gift in the amount of **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000.00) WHEN THEY REACH THE AGES OF 80, 85 AND 90 YEARS OLD, FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000) UPON REACHING 95 YEARS OLD,** and one hundred thousand pesos **WHEN REACHING THE AGE OF 100 TOGETHER WITH THE FELICITATION LETTER MENTIONED.**

SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,