

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1391



Introduced by HONORABLE MARK. O GO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XV, Section 4 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides 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 respect, appreciation and importance to our elderlies particularly those who reached the age of one hundred.

However, very few people reach the centenarian age and granting that they have reached it, they were not able to enjoy the privilege accorded to them by law due to health deterioration.

World Health Organization data reveals that Filipinos have a life expectancy at birth of 66 years for male and 73 years for female. Out of over 100 Million population in our country, a projected number of more or less 900,000 people belong to the age group of 80 years old and above.

This bill seeks to amend the current law by advancing the grant of privileges to our elderlies upon reaching the ages of eight-five (85), ninety (90) and ninety-five (95).

With this bill, our elderlies belonging to said ages, who are still in good health conditions, can enjoy these entitlements with their families.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MGO". Below the signature, the name "MARK O. GO" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font.

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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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 2 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-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 85 YEARS OLD, 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,