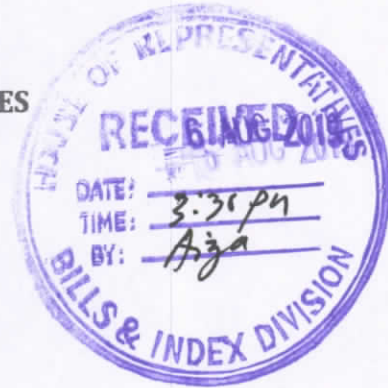


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XV, Section 4 of the 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. In consonance with this, Republic Act No. 10868, otherwise known as the "Centenarians Act of 2016" was enacted to honor and grant additional benefits and privileges to Filipinos who reach the prime age of one hundred (100) years old.

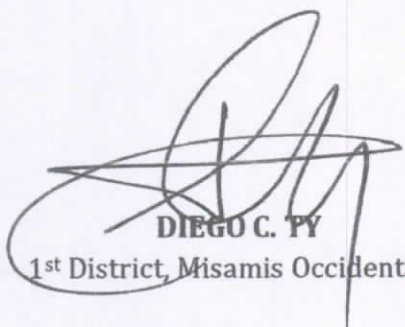
The most salient provision of this law is the granting of centenarian gift amounting to one hundred thousand pesos (P100, 000.00) to our elderlies to honor their longevity. However, reaching the age of 100 years old is very rare nowadays. In fact, even reaching the age of eighty (80) years old is already a challenge for most of our senior citizens. As shown in the 2016 projection by the World Health Organization, male and female Filipinos only have a life expectancy of 66 and 73 years old, respectively. Given this, it is essential that we make certain adjustments in our existing laws and programs of social security that would cater to the changing landscape of health and life expectancy of our time. Thus, this proposed measure of amending the Centenarians Act of 2010 to make it more inclusive and responsive to the current realities of our beloved senior citizens.

This bill seeks provide for an earlier distribution of the P100, 000 in staggered payments in such a way that when our older citizens reach the age of 80 years old, P30, 000 of the cash gift shall be advanced to them, when they reach the age of 90 years old, P30, 000 shall be provided while the balance of P40, 000 shall be given to them upon reaching the age of 100 years old. Furthermore, this would also provide for a continued P100, 000 cash gift for every year that they live beyond the age of 100 years old.

If enacted into law, this proposed measure will allow our elderlies enjoy the fullness of the proposed benefits therein with their respective families while they are still strong and able to enjoy the cash incentives. This will also make them feel that they are

given the utmost reverence by the State for their valuable contributions in building our nation in their younger years.

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



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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
"CENTENARIAN ACT OF 2016"

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, otherwise known as
2 "Centenarians Act of 2016" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 SEC. 2. *Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift.* — All Filipinos who reach the
4 age of **EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, NINETY (90) YEARS OLD AND** one
5 hundred (100) years old, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad,
6 shall be honored with:

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

9 (b) A [**Centenarian**] **CASH** Gift in the amount of [~~one hundred thousand~~
10 ~~pesos (P100,000.00)~~] **THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00) UPON**
11 **REACHING THE AGE OF EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, ANOTHER THIRTY**
12 **THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF**
13 **NINETY (90) YEARS OLD AND FORTY THOUSAND PESOS (P40,000.00)**
14 **UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD.**

15 **AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS**
16 **(P100,000.00) SHALL LIKEWISE BE GRANTED EVERY YEAR TO THOSE**
17 **WHO LIVE BEYOND THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD**

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**TOGETHER WITH THE LETTER OF FELICITATION MENTIONED
ABOVE.**

SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules or regulations or parts thereof contrary to and inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* — If any section or provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act or any section not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,