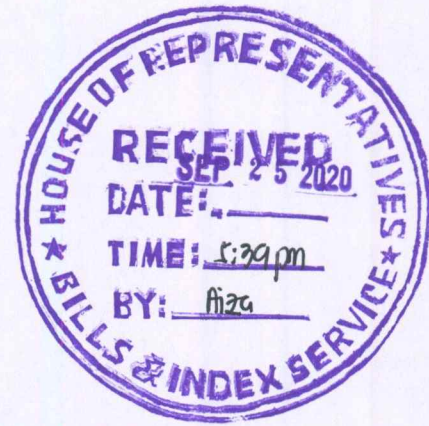


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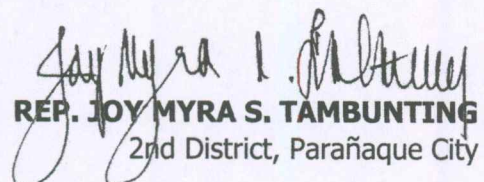
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to amend Republic Act No. 10868, or the Centenarians Act of 2016, to advance the cash gift and have it awarded to senior citizens upon reaching the age of eight (80), ninety (90), and one hundred (100). Senior citizens, upon reaching the aforementioned ages shall receive Php10,000, Php30,000, and Php60,000, respectively.

This is proposed in recognition of the current life expectancy for Philippines which is 71.28 years in 2020—with females' life expectancy at 75.9 and males at 67.7¹. Considering this data, most senior citizens do not even reach the age of 100, let alone 80. The original intent of Centenarians Act of 2016 is to honor and respect centenarians who had led exemplary long lives; this amendment aims to extend the same honor respect to more elderly Filipinos. This would also aid families in providing the best care to the elderly (considering the rising cost of living and healthcare expenses incurred by their advancing age and needs)—who at their youth and prime, greatly contributed to our nation and economy.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


REP. JOY MYRA S. TAMBUNTING
2nd District, Parañaque City

¹ Philippines Life Expectancy 1950-2020. Retrieved from
<https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/PHL/philippines/life-expectancy>

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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Sec. 2 of Republic Act No. 10868, otherwise known as Centenarians Act of 2016, is hereby amended to read, as follows:

"Sec. 2. Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift. – All Filipinos who reach the age of **EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, NINETY YEARS OLD, AND** one hundred (100) years old, whether residing in the Philippines and abroad, shall be honoured with:

[(a) A letter of Felicitation from the President of the Philippines congratulating the celebrant for his or her longevity; and]

[b] (a) A [Centenarian] **CASH** Gift in the amount of **TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF NINETY (90) YEARS OLD,** and [one hundred] **SIXTY** thousand pesos **(P60,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD.**

PROVIDED THAT ALL QUALIFIED FILIPINOS WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD AND NINETY (90) YEARS OLD PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT SHALL RECEIVE THE TOTAL CASH GIFT/S CORRESPONDING THERETO; AND

B) A LETTER OF FELICITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES CONGRATULATION THE CELEBRANT UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD FOR HIS OR HER LONGEVITY.

Sec. 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 3. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,