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AN ACT
GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS,
RECOGNIZING OCTOGENARIANS AND NONAGENARIANS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“CENTENARIANS 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 is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **“SEC. 2. [Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift] BENEFITS FOR**
4 **CENTENARIANS.** – All Filipinos who reach the age of one hundred (100)
5 years old, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad, shall be honored
6 with:

7 (a) A letter of felicitation from the President of the Philippines
8 congratulating the celebrant [for his or her] ON ONE’S longevity;
9 and

10 (b) A Centenarian Gift in the amount of one hundred thousand pesos
11 (P100,000.00).

12 “ALL FILIPINO CENTENARIANS WHO REACH THE AGE OF
13 ONE HUNDRED AND ONE (101) YEARS OLD SHALL EACH
14 RECEIVE A CASH GIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION
15 PESOS (P1,000,000.00) ON THEIR BIRTHDAY.”

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17 **SEC. 2.** A new section denominated as Section 3-A of the same Act is added
18 to read as follows:

19 **“SEC. 3-A. BENEFITS FOR OCTOGENARIANS AND**
20 **NONAGENARIANS.** – ALL FILIPINOS WHO REACH THE AGE OF
21 EIGHTY (80), EIGHTY-FIVE (85), NINETY (90) AND NINETY-FIVE (95)
22 YEARS OLD SHALL ALSO RECEIVE A LETTER OF FELICITATION

1 FROM THE PRESIDENT AND A CASH GIFT OF TWENTY-FIVE
2 THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000.00) EACH.”

3 **SEC. 3.** Section 5 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

4 “**SEC. 5. [Funding.** – During the initial year of the implementation
5 of this Act, the requisite fund shall be sourced from the available funds of
6 the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and
7 subsequently the amount necessary to implement the provisions of this
8 Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.”]

9 “**APPROPRIATIONS.** – THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE
10 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE
11 ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.”

12 **SEC. 4.** Section 6 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

13 “**SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within thirty (30)
14 days from the effectivity of this Act, the [Secretaries of the DSWD]
15 CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SENIOR
16 CITIZENS (NCSC) SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
17 SECRETARY OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, the
18 [Department] SECRETARY of the Interior and Local Government, the
19 [Department] SECRETARY of Health, [and] the Executive Director of the
20 Commission on Filipino Overseas, AND THE UNDERSECRETARY OF
21 THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, [shall] promulgate the
22 necessary [guidelines for and shall take the lead in] RULES AND
23 REGULATIONS FOR the effective implementation of this Act.”

24 THE NCSC SHALL IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
25 ACT.”

26 **SEC. 5.** All laws, presidential decrees, issuances, executive orders, letters of
27 instruction, rules or regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with or contrary to
28 the provisions of this Act are repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

29 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
30 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,