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AN ACT HONORING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND
PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS, DECLARING THE
25TH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL RESPECT FOR
CENTENARIANS DAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the
2 “Centenarians Act of 2012”.

3 SEC. 2. *Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift.* — Upon reaching one
4 hundredth (100th) birthday, every Filipino residing in the Philippines or abroad
5 shall be honored with:

6 (a) A letter of felicitation from the President of the Philippines
7 congratulating the celebrant for his or her longevity; and

8 (b) A Centenarian’s Gift in the amount of One hundred thousand
9 pesos (P100,000.00).

10 SEC. 3. *National Respect for Centenarians Day.* — As part of the
11 annual Family Week celebration from September 19 to 28, the 25th of

1 September is hereby declared as National Respect for Centenarians Day during
2 which all Filipinos who have turned centenarian in the current fiscal year shall
3 be awarded a plaque of recognition and a cash incentive by their respective city
4 or municipal governments in appropriate ceremonies in addition to the
5 recognition and cash gift provided in the preceding paragraph. The amount of
6 the cash incentive shall be determined by the concerned local government unit.

7 SEC. 4. *Older Surviving and Deceased Centenarians.* – All living
8 centenarians who reached their one hundredth (100th) birthday prior to the
9 effectivity of this Act shall be honored on the celebration of the first national
10 Respect for Centenarians Day or one hundred twenty (120) days after the
11 effectivity of this Act, whichever comes earlier, in appropriate ceremonies
12 which shall be observed as national event. They shall each be awarded a
13 plaque of recognition and the Centenarian's Gift referred to in Section 2
14 hereof. In the same event, posthumous plaques of recognition in honor of
15 deceased centenarians shall be presented to the nearest surviving relative of
16 each centenarian or his/her representative.

17 SEC. 5. *Additional Benefits.* – All centenarians shall be entitled to the
18 grant of fifty percent (50%) discount and exemption from the value-added tax
19 (VAT), if applicable, on the sale of goods and services from all establishments,
20 for the exclusive use and enjoyment or availment of senior citizens.

21 SEC. 6. *Funding.* – During the initial year of the implementation of
22 this Act, the requisite funds shall be sourced from the unexpended
23 appropriations of the Department of Social Welfare and Development
24 (DSWD) in the General Appropriations Act of 2012 and subsequently the
25 amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in
26 the annual General Appropriations Act.

27 SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within thirty (30)
28 days from the organization, a National Committee composed of the Executive

1 Secretary as Chairperson, the respective Secretaries of the Department of the
2 Interior and Local Government, the Department of Social Welfare and
3 Development and the Department of Health, and the Executive Director of the
4 Commission of Filipinos Overseas as members shall promulgate the necessary
5 guidelines for and shall take the lead in the effective implementation of this
6 Act.

7 *SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.* – Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7432 as
8 amended by Republic Act No. 9257 and further amended by Republic Act
9 No. 9994 or the “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010” is hereby amended
10 accordingly. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations
11 inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
12 *modified accordingly.*

13 *SEC. 9. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
14 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation which shall
15 not be later than seven (7) days after the approval thereof.

Approved,

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