

NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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SENATE

S. No. 21

Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Central to the enactment of Republic Act No. 10868 or the Centenarians Act of 2016 is the provision of a cash gift amounting to PhP100,000.00 to Filipino centenarians. This was a widely-celebrated law, manifesting that the State accords due respect, appreciation and importance to our citizens who reach the age of one hundred.

Recent statistics show, however, that many elderly Filipinos do not reach the age of 100, hence unable to enjoy the benefits and privileges of such law. With the rising cost of living and healthcare expenses, most of our senior citizens find it very difficult to afford basic necessities and have to forego expensive medications and procedures. Hence, this bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 10868 or the Centenarians Act of 2016 by advancing the grant of privileges to our elderlies upon reaching the age of eighty (80), ninety (90), and one hundred (100) respectively. Through this bill, it is hoped that our elderlies may be able to enjoy such entitlements and to assist in further prolonging their lives beyond a century.

Approval of this bill is most earnestly sought.


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

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

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

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

9 [b] (a) A [Centenarian] **CASH** gift in the amount of **TEN**
10 **THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF**
11 **EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00)**
12 **UPON REACHING THE AGE OF NINETY (90) YEARS OLD,** and one
13 hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) **UPON REACHING THE AGE**
14 **OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD; AND**

15 (b) **UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100)**
16 **YEARS OLD, A LETTER OF FELICITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT**

1 **OF THE PHILIPPINES CONGRATULATING THE CELEBRANT FOR**
2 **HIS OR HER LONGEVITY.**

3 *Sec. 2. Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
4 unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain
5 in full force and effect.

6 *Sec. 3. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and
7 other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
8 amended or modified accordingly.

9 *Sec. 4. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,