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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,