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**AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION TWO OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868 AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

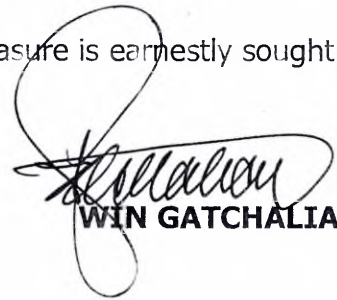
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Living to reach eighty, ninety or even a hundred years is a rarity in this day and age considering the lifestyle of ordinary Filipinos. Thus, not many Filipinos live up to get to enjoy the benefits of Republic Act (RA) No. 10868 or the Centanarians Act of 2016. In fact, the Philippine Statistics Authority recorded in 2015 some 7,548,769 senior citizens in the country, wherein only 10% of which or around 790,000 are estimated to be aged 80 to 90 years old.

To provide our beloved senior citizens the motivation to live longer as well as the means to pay for their living expenses, medicines, healthcare costs and other necessities, while they can still enjoy the fruits of their life, this bill seeks to expand the coverage of RA 10868 by including Filipino octogenerians and nonagenarians among its beneficiaries and allowing inflationary adjustments of the amounts that these identified senior citizens will receive.

In sum, this bill provides all Filipinos who reach the age of eighty years old with a cash gift of ten thousand pesos (Php10,000.00), and another ten thousand pesos (Php10,000.00) when they reach the age of ninety (90), in addition to the benefits provided in RA 10868. The provision of these cash gifts to our identified senior citizens is one way in which the State accords to these Filipino senior citizens the recognition of their long and substantial involvement towards our national development and prosperity as well as the necessary assistance the government can provide to them.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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

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

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

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10 ~~[(a) A Letter of Felicitation from the President of the~~
11 ~~Philippines congratulating the celebrant for his or her~~
12 ~~longevity; and]~~

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1 [b] (a) A [Centenarian] **CASH Gift** in the amount of **TEN**
2 **THOUSAND PESOS (P 10,000.00) UPON REACHING**
3 **THE AGE OF EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD, TEN**
4 **THOUSAND PESOS (P 10,000.00) UPON REACHING**
5 **THE AGE OF NINETY (90) YEARS OLD, and one**
6 **hundred thousand pesos (P 100,000.00) UPON**
7 **REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS**
8 **OLD; AND**
9 **(b) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED**
10 **(100) YEARS OLD, A LETTER OF FELICITATION**
11 **FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**
12 **CONGRATULATING THE CELEBRANT FOR HIS OR**
13 **HER LONGEVITY.**

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15 SEC. 2. *Inflation Adjustment.* After one year from the effectivity of this
16 Act, the amounts stated in the preceding section shall be adjusted annually for
17 inflation by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in
18 consultation with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, based on the average annual
19 inflation in the preceding three (3) years.

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21 SEC. 3. *Funding.* – The requisite fund shall be sourced from the available
22 funds of the DSWD and subsequently the amount necessary to implement the
23 provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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25 SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared
26 invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in
27 full force and effect.

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29 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive
30 orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof
31 contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
32 accordingly.

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

Approved,