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## AN ACT

## EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- SECTION 1. Sec. 2 of Republic Act No. 10868, otherwise known as the "Centenarians Act of 2016", is hereby amended to read, as follows:
  - Sec. 2. Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift. All Filipinos who reach the ageS of **EIGHTY (80)**, **NINETY (90)**, **AND** one hundred (100) years old, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad, shall be honored with:
    - [(a) A letter of Felicitation from the President of the Philippines congratulating the celebrant for his or her longevity; and]
    - [b] (a) A [Centenarian] CASH Gift in the TOTAL amount of ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 100,000.00) TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THREE (3) EQUAL TRANCHES TO INDIVIDUALS UPON REACHING THE AGES OF EIGHTY (80),

NINETY (90), AND [one hundred thousand pesos (P 100,000.00)]
ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD; AND

(b) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100)
YEARS OLD, A LETTER OF FELICITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES CONGRATULATING THE CELEBRANT FOR
HIS OR HER LONGEVITY.

- SEC. 2. A new section 2-A and 2-B is hereby inserted after Section 2 of RA 10868, to read as follows:
  - SEC. 2-A. INFLATION ADJUSTMENT. AFTER ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, THE AMOUNTS STATED IN THE PRECEDING SECTION SHALL BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY FOR INFLATION BY THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA), BASED ON THE AVERAGE ANNUAL INFLATION IN THE PRECEDING THREE (3) YEARS.
  - SEC. 2-B. ELDERLY DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AN ELDERLY DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM RECORDING RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE PERSONS COVERED BY THIS ACT SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), IN COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (DICT), THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), AND THE NCSC.
  - SEC. 3. Section 5 of RA 10868 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - SEC. 5. [Funding. During the initial year of the implementation of this Act, the requisite fund shall be sourced from the available funds of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and subsequently the amount necessary to implement the provisions of this

1	Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.]
2	APPROPRIATIONS THE AMOUNTS NECESSARY FOR THE
3	IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE
4	ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.
5	SEC. 4. Separability Clause If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
6	unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
7	effect.
8	SEC. 5. Repealing Clause All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
9	presidential proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof contrary to or
10	inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
11	SEC. 6. Effectivity —This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
12	publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
13	Approved,