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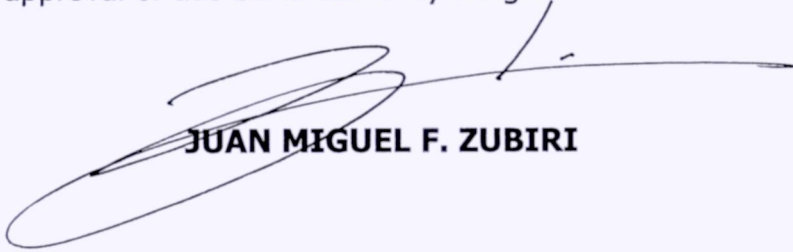
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EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION TWO OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

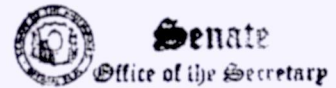
In 2016, Congress passed Republic Act No. 10868 or the Centenarians Act, which honors our senior citizens by granting them a cash gift amounting to one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) upon reaching the age of one hundred.

It is unfortunate to note, however, that not so many Filipinos live up to this age, and thus, only a few get to enjoy the benefits under this law. To provide our senior citizens the motivation to live longer, as well as to aid them in achieving this feat by giving them the means to purchase medicines and other necessities, this bill seeks to expand the coverage of Republic Act No. 10868 to include those Filipinos who have reached the age of eighty (80) and ninety (90) years old. Ultimately, we hope that by expanding the coverage of this law, we are able to honor our elders for their contributions to their communities, and inspire our youth to lead healthier lives.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill 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:

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

7 [(a) A Letter of Felicitation 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 **THIRTY THOUSAND**
10 **PESOS (P30,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF EIGHTY (80)**
11 **YEARS OLD, THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00) UPON**
12 **REACHING THE AGE OF NINETY (90) YEARS OLD,** and [one hundred]
13 **FIFTY** thousand pesos **(P50,000.00) UPON REACHING THE AGE OF**
14 **ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD.**

15 **PROVIDED, THAT ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF**
16 **EIGHTY (80) YEARS OLD AND NINETY (90) YEARS OLD PRIOR TO**
17 **THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT SHALL RECEIVE THE TOTAL CASH**
18 **GIFT/S CORRESPONDING THERETO; AND**

1 **B) A LETTER OF FELICITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE**
2 **PHILIPPINES CONGRATULATING THE CELEBRANT UPON**
3 **REACHING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEARS OLD FOR HIS**
4 **OR HER LONGEVITY.**

5 **SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
6 regulations or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of
7 this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

8 **SEC. 3. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
9 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,