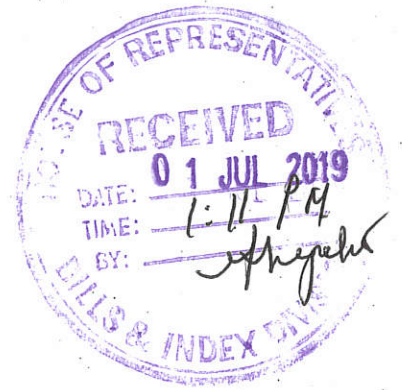


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill proposes to amend Republic Act No. 10868, otherwise known as "The Centenarian Law," by giving the monetary incentive to those who have reached the ripe age of eighty (80) instead of the original one hundred (100) considering the low life expectancy of elder Filipinos; e.g. 80-year old citizens must be awarded P80,000 and an additional P10,000 when he or she reaches the age of 90, and still another P10,000 when he or she reaches the age of 100, along with a Letter of Felicitation from no less than the President of the Republic.

If enacted into law, this measure will allow more beneficiaries to actually enjoy the financial incentive and make them feel that they are loved and revered by the State. As author, we feel that this will also further the spirit of the original law by making the award more tangible and achievable for the qualified elderly.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is urgently requested.

  
**MANUEL "WAY KURAT" E. ZAMORA**

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**AN ACT**  
**TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE**  
**CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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

Sec. 2. *Letter of Felicitation and Cash Gift.*—All elderly Filipinos who reach the age of qualification, 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 upon reaching the age of one hundred (100) years old; and
- b) A Centenarian Gift in the amount of one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) to be given in accordance with the following schedule: Eighty thousand pesos (P80,000.00) upon reaching the age of eighty (80) years old; another ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) upon reaching the age of ninety (90) years old; and still another ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) upon reaching the age of one hundred (100) years old.

SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.*—All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity.*—This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,