

1 SENATE BILL 385

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO NUTRITIONAL SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS; REQUIRING  
12 THE ADOPTION OF RULES THAT ALLOW PARTICIPANTS IN NUTRITIONAL  
13 SERVICES PROGRAMS TO GROW AND CONSUME FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AS  
14 PART OF THOSE PROGRAMS.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 SECTION 1. [~~NEW MATERIAL~~] FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GARDENS AT  
18 SENIOR CITIZEN FACILITIES.--

19 A. No later than September 1, 2017, the aging and  
20 long-term services department shall adopt rules that allow for  
21 participants in its nutritional services programs to grow and  
22 consume fruits and vegetables at senior citizen facilities that  
23 are subject to the department's authority.

24 B. The rules shall include and address:

25 (1) applicable state and federal guidelines;

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1 (2) the avoidance of microbial contamination  
2 of fruits and vegetables grown at the senior citizen  
3 facilities;

4 (3) the quality of water and types of  
5 fertilizer that can be used in gardens at the senior citizen  
6 facilities;

7 (4) the types of fruits and vegetables that  
8 can be grown for consumption at the senior citizen facilities;

9 (5) both conventional and organic growing  
10 methods; and

11 (6) other factors needed to ensure that good  
12 agricultural practices are used in the growing of fruits and  
13 vegetables at the senior citizen facilities and that the fruits  
14 and vegetables are safe for human consumption.

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