

SENATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL 84

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

AN ACT

RELATING TO NUTRITIONAL SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS;  
AUTHORIZING THE GROWING AND USE FOR FOOD SERVICE OF FRUIT AND  
VEGETABLE GARDENS AT SENIOR CENTERS.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] SENIOR CENTER FOOD GARDENS  
AUTHORIZED.--

A. The aging and long-term services department shall permit any senior center to coordinate the planting, cultivation, growing, tending and harvesting by senior center staff and senior participants of edible fruits and vegetables on the senior center's premises for inclusion in food service or distribution to senior participants.

B. For the purposes of this section:

(1) "senior center" means a community-based

1 center:

2 (a) that serves as a resource for  
3 information on aging, support for family caregivers and  
4 training; and

5 (b) where senior participants receive  
6 services and participate in programs; and

7 (2) "senior participant" means an individual  
8 who is at least fifty years of age or older or who is otherwise  
9 eligible to receive services or to participate in programs  
10 administered by the aging and long-term services department or  
11 its designees.