

1 HOUSE BILL 85
2 57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025
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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO TURF; PROHIBITING THE INSTALLATION OF NONFUNCTIONAL
12 TURF ON A STATE-OWNED OR STATE-FUNDED PROPERTY BEGINNING IN
13 2027; PROHIBITING THE USE OF WATER OTHER THAN RECYCLED OR
14 RECLAIMED WATER TO IRRIGATE NONFUNCTIONAL TURF ON A STATE-OWNED
15 OR STATE-FUNDED PROPERTY BEGINNING IN 2032; REQUIRING
16 NONFUNCTIONAL TURF ON STATE-OWNED OR STATE-FUNDED PROPERTY THAT
17 IS REMOVED TO BE REPLACED WITH DROUGHT- AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT
18 LANDSCAPING BEGINNING IN 2032.

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

21 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] NONFUNCTIONAL TURF--
22 PROHIBITIONS ON INSTALLATION AND WATER FOR IRRIGATION--
23 DEFINITIONS.--

24 A. On or after January 1, 2027, nonfunctional turf
25 shall not be installed on a state-owned or state-funded

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2 B. On or after January 1, 2032:

3 (1) no water other than recycled or reclaimed
4 water shall be used to irrigate nonfunctional turf on a state-
5 owned or state-funded property; and

6 (2) nonfunctional turf on a state-owned or
7 state-funded property that is removed shall be replaced with
8 drought- and climate-resilient landscaping.

9 C. As used in this section:

10 (1) "drought- and climate-resilient
11 landscaping" includes efficient irrigation systems, such as
12 drip, water harvesting and reuse systems, organic mulches,
13 xeriscaping, trees and other plants that, once established,
14 require little to no supplemental water, such as native and
15 drought-tolerant plants;

16 (2) "nonfunctional turf" means irrigated turf
17 grass that has no recreational purpose or that is primarily
18 decorative and includes turf in or around medians, roundabouts,
19 parking lots, landscape strips between the sidewalk and the
20 street, commercial properties and industrial properties; and

21 (3) "state-funded property" means the property
22 of a capital improvement project for which the state provided
23 at least forty percent of the funding to purchase.

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