

SENATE BILL

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

INTRODUCED BY

FOR THE ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND
THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; CREATING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
NEW MEXICO-GROWN FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TO SENIOR CENTER
MEAL PROGRAMS; FUNDING NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS; MAKING
AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] PILOT PROGRAM--CREATION.--The
department of health, in cooperation with city and county
governments in New Mexico that operate senior centers, shall
establish and operate in fiscal year 2020 the "fresh fruits and
vegetables for senior center meals pilot program" to purchase
New Mexico-grown fresh fruits and vegetables from farmers'
markets, roadside stands and mobile farmers' markets for senior
center meal programs approved by the women, infants and
children program of the department's public health division.

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1 Within two months following the end of fiscal year 2020, the
2 department of health shall report to the interim legislative
3 health and human services committee regarding the efficacy and
4 accomplishments of the pilot program and shall make
5 recommendations on whether the pilot program should be
6 continued or expanded.

7 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--**

8 A. Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) is
9 appropriated from the general fund to the department of health
10 for expenditure in fiscal year 2020 to purchase New Mexico-
11 grown fresh fruits and vegetables for the fresh fruits and
12 vegetables for senior center meals pilot program. Any
13 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
14 fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the general fund.

15 B. Four hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$470,000)
16 is appropriated from the general fund to the department of
17 health for expenditure in fiscal year 2020 to provide financial
18 assistance to qualified seniors pursuant to the farmers' market
19 nutrition program, provided that not more than thirty-five
20 thousand dollars (\$35,000) shall be used for program
21 administration or promotion. Any unexpended or unencumbered
22 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2020 shall revert
23 to the general fund.

24 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--**The effective date of the
25 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.

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