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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. 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 center:

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

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

(2) "senior participant" means an individual who is at least fifty years of age or older or who is otherwise eligible to receive services or to participate in programs administered by the aging and long-term services

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