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SENATE BILL

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

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FOR THE ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE,  
THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
AND THE WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES 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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