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Medical Marijuana

2023 Fiscal Year Report

(July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023)

Arkansas Department of Health



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Administration**



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FY 2023 Medical Marijuana Data Summary

The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016 requires the Arkansas Department of Health and the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration to submit specific Fiscal Year (FY) data related to Medical Marijuana activities.

The FY 2023 data updates are presented below.

Applications submitted for Registry ID Card = 93,716 Patients
(Please refer to page 4 for caregivers & visitors information.)

Applications filed for renewal = 62,047 Patients
(Please refer to page 5 for caregivers & visitors information.)

Patients' qualifying medical conditions = refer to page 6

Number of Registry ID Cards revoked after being approved = 5

Number of physicians providing written certifications = 1,087

Number of licensed dispensaries = 38
Number of dispensaries in operation = 38

Number of licensed cultivation facilities in operation = 8

Number of licenses revoked to operate dispensary = 0

Number of licenses revoked to operate cultivation facility = 0

Number of dispensary agents = 1,354

Number of cultivation facility agents = 1,020

Number of processor facility agents = 102

Medical Marijuana Registry Application Status

Table 1: Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card Application Status, Arkansas, FY 2023

| Status | Patient | Caregiver | Visitor |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Submitted | 93,716 | 928 | 10,917 |
| Approved | 92,494 | 473 | 10,685 |

Note: A visitor is an individual either from another state visiting Arkansas or recently moved to Arkansas that received a temporary Medical Marijuana Registry ID card

- This information represents the total of both new and renewed applications submitted and approved from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
- A total of 93,716 patients submitted applications for a Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card. Of those, 92,494 applications were approved. There were 1,222 applications pending due to incomplete information.
- A total of 928 caregivers submitted applications for Medical Marijuana Registry ID Cards. Of those, 473 applications were approved. There were 455 applications pending due to incomplete information.
- A total of 10,917 visitors submitted applications for Medical Marijuana Registry ID Cards. Of those, 10,685 applications were approved. There were 232 applications pending due to incomplete information.
- There were 5 revocations of patient or caregiver Registry ID Cards during the fiscal period after being approved.

Medical Marijuana Registry Renewal Application Status

Table 2: Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card Renewal Application Status, Arkansas, FY 2023

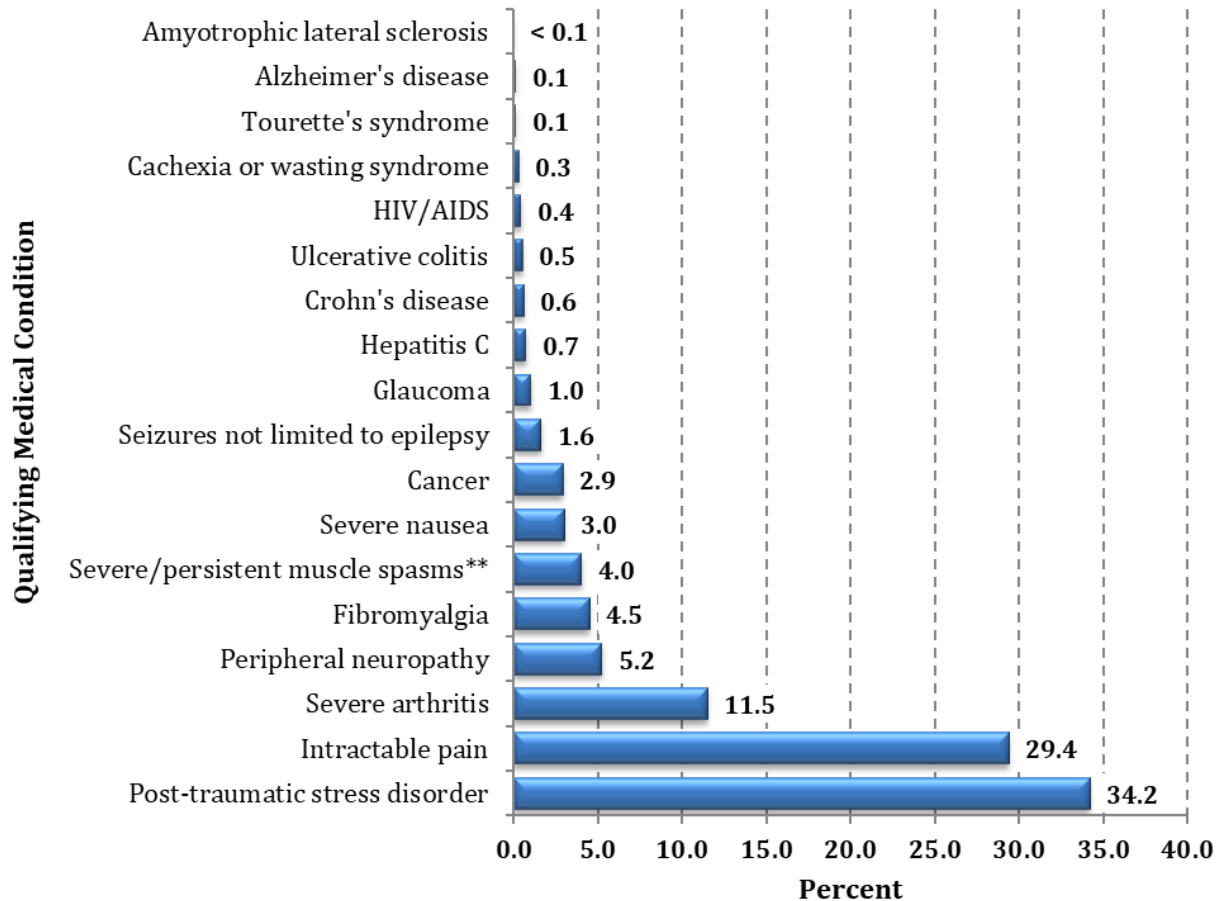
| Status | Patient | Caregiver | Visitor |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Submitted | 62,047 | 219 | 7,966 |
| Approved | 55,933 | 120 | 7,101 |

Note: A visitor is an individual either from another state visiting Arkansas or recently moved to Arkansas that received a temporary Medical Marijuana Registry ID card

- A total of 62,047 patient renewal applications were submitted for Medical Marijuana Registry ID Cards. Of those, 55,933 patient renewal applications were approved. There were 6,114 applications pending due to incomplete information.
- A total of 219 caregiver renewal applications were submitted for Medical Marijuana Registry ID Cards. Of those, 120 renewal applications were approved. There were 99 renewal applications pending due to incomplete information.
- A total of 7,966 visitor renewal applications were submitted for Medical Marijuana Registry ID Cards. Of those, 7,101 visitor renewal applications were approved. There were 865 renewal applications pending due to incomplete information.

Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions*

Figure 1: Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions, Arkansas, FY 2023



*Many patients had more than one qualifying medical condition.

**including without limitation those characteristic of multiple sclerosis

- The most prevalent qualifying medical condition among Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card recipients was Post-traumatic stress disorder (34.2%).
- The second and third most prevalent conditions were Intractable pain, which is pain that has not responded to ordinary medications, treatment or surgical measures for more than six (6) months (29.4%) and severe arthritis (11.5%), followed by peripheral neuropathy (5.2%) and fibromyalgia (4.5%).
- The least prevalent medical conditions reported were amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (< 0.1%), Alzheimer's disease (0.1%), and Tourette's syndrome (0.1%).

Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions

Table 3: Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions, Arkansas, FY 2023

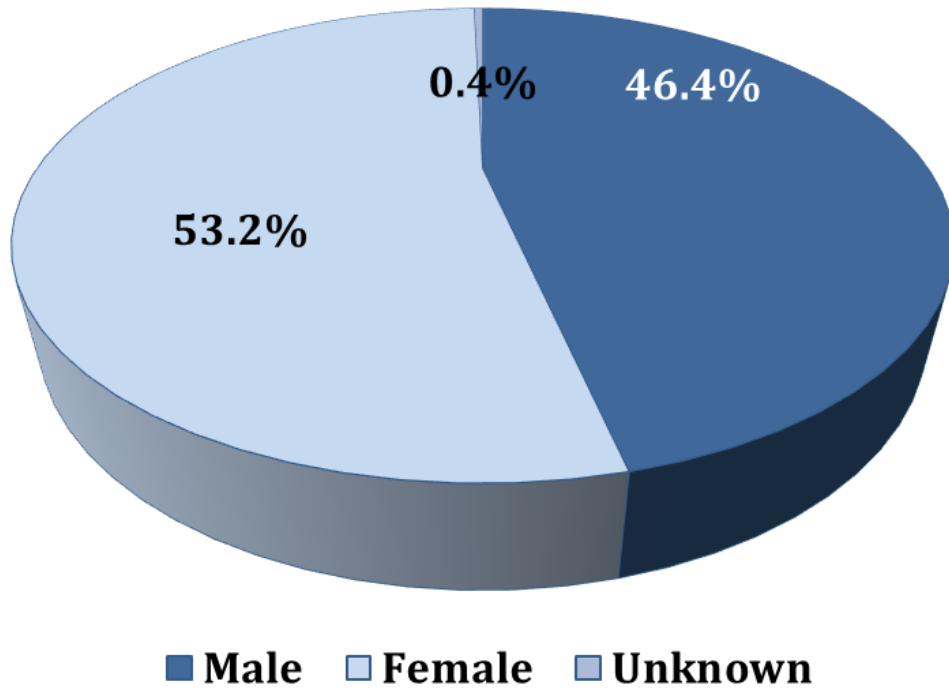
| Patients' Qualifying Medical Conditions | Count | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Post-traumatic stress disorder | 70,078 | 34.2 |
| Intractable pain, which is pain that has not responded to ordinary medications, treatment or surgical measures for more than six (6) months | 60,272 | 29.4 |
| Severe arthritis | 23,612 | 11.5 |
| Peripheral neuropathy | 10,731 | 5.2 |
| Fibromyalgia | 9,199 | 4.5 |
| Severe and persistent muscle spasms, including without limitation those characteristic of multiple sclerosis | 8,164 | 4.0 |
| Severe nausea | 6,166 | 3.0 |
| Cancer | 5,883 | 2.9 |
| Seizures, including without limitation those characteristic of epilepsy | 3,349 | 1.6 |
| Glaucoma | 2,014 | 1.0 |
| Hepatitis C | 1,403 | 0.7 |
| Crohn's disease | 1,149 | 0.6 |
| Ulcerative colitis | 1,071 | 0.5 |
| Positive status for human immunodeficiency virus/ acquired immune deficiency syndrome | 870 | 0.4 |
| Cachexia or wasting syndrome | 583 | 0.3 |
| Tourette's syndrome | 255 | 0.1 |
| Alzheimer's disease | 160 | 0.1 |
| Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis | 51 | <0.1 |

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Appendices

Appendix 1

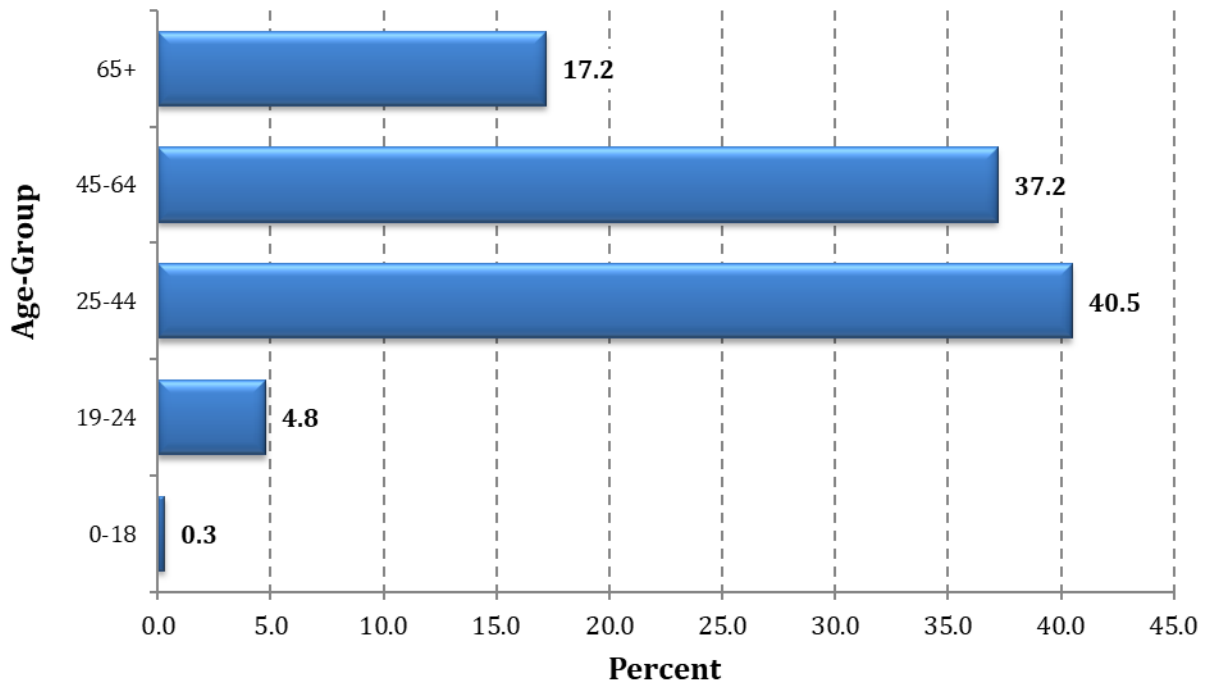
Percent of Approved Patients with Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card by Gender, Arkansas, FY 2023



| Counts and Percentages by Gender | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Gender | Count | Percent |
| Male | 42,904 | 46.4 |
| Female | 49,254 | 53.2 |
| Unknown | 336 | 0.4 |
| Total | 92,494 | 100.0 |

Appendix 2

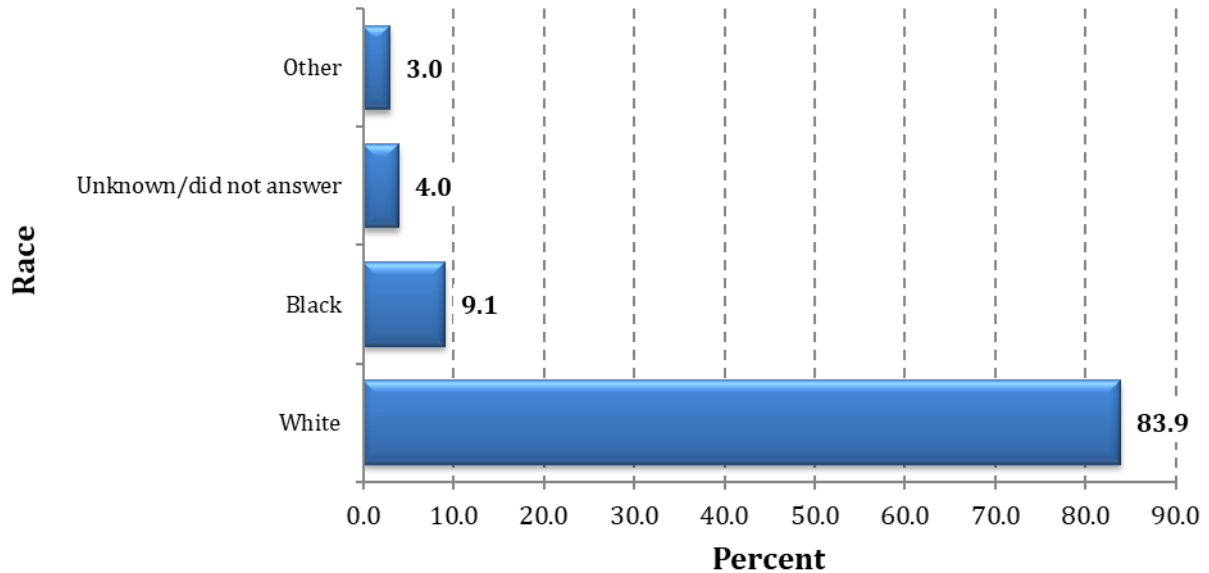
Percent of Approved Patients with Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card by Age-Group, Arkansas, FY 2023



| Counts and Percentages by Age-Group | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Age-Group | Count | Percent |
| 0 to 18 years | 235 | 0.3 |
| 19 to 24 years | 4,463 | 4.8 |
| 25 to 44 years | 37,497 | 40.5 |
| 45 to 64 years | 34,393 | 37.2 |
| ≥65 years | 15,906 | 17.2 |
| Total | 92,494 | 100.0 |

Appendix 3

Percent of Approved Patients with Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card by Race, Arkansas, FY 2023

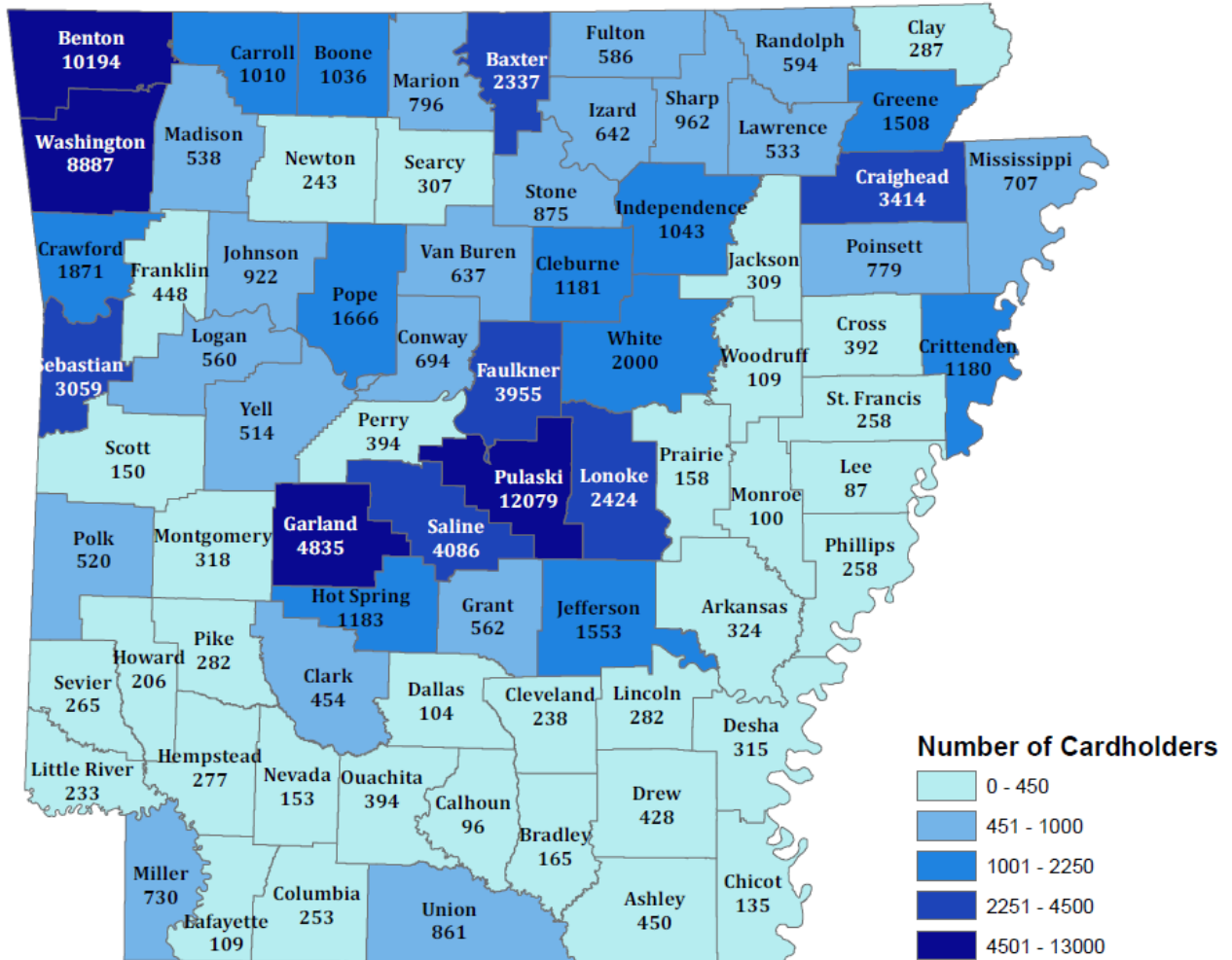


| Counts and Percentages by Race | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Race | Count | Percent |
| White | 77,623 | 83.9 |
| Black | 8,458 | 9.1 |
| Unknown/Did not answer | 3,682 | 4.0 |
| Other | 2,731 | 3.0 |
| Total | 92,494 | 100.0 |

Note: The "Other" Race category consists of Alaskan or American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, and races listed as Non-Hispanic or Hispanic.

Appendix 4

Number of Approved Patients with Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card by County, Arkansas, FY 2023



Source: Medical Marijuana Program, Arkansas Department of Health

Appendix 4

Number of Approved Patients with Medical Marijuana Registry ID Card by County, Arkansas, FY 2023

| County | Count |
|--------------|--------|
| Arkansas | 324 |
| Ashley | 450 |
| Baxter | 2,337 |
| Benton | 10,194 |
| Boone | 1,036 |
| Bradley | 165 |
| Calhoun | 96 |
| Carroll | 1010 |
| Chicot | 135 |
| Clark | 454 |
| Clay | 287 |
| Cleburne | 1,181 |
| Cleveland | 238 |
| Columbia | 253 |
| Conway | 694 |
| Craighead | 3,414 |
| Crawford | 1,871 |
| Crittenden | 1180 |
| Cross | 392 |
| Dallas | 104 |
| Desha | 315 |
| Drew | 428 |
| Faulkner | 3,955 |
| Franklin | 448 |
| Fulton | 586 |
| Garland | 4,835 |
| Grant | 562 |
| Greene | 1,508 |
| Hempstead | 277 |
| Hot Spring | 1183 |
| Howard | 206 |
| Independence | 1043 |
| Izard | 642 |
| Jackson | 309 |
| Jefferson | 1,553 |
| Johnson | 922 |
| Lafayette | 109 |
| Lawrence | 533 |

| County | Count |
|--------------|---------------|
| Lee | 87 |
| Lincoln | 282 |
| Little River | 233 |
| Logan | 560 |
| Lonoke | 2424 |
| Madison | 538 |
| Marion | 796 |
| Miller | 730 |
| Mississippi | 707 |
| Monroe | 100 |
| Montgomery | 318 |
| Nevada | 153 |
| Newton | 243 |
| Ouachita | 394 |
| Perry | 394 |
| Phillips | 258 |
| Pike | 282 |
| Poinsett | 779 |
| Polk | 520 |
| Pope | 1666 |
| Prairie | 158 |
| Pulaski | 12,079 |
| Randolph | 594 |
| St. Francis | 258 |
| Saline | 4086 |
| Scott | 150 |
| Searcy | 307 |
| Sebastian | 3,059 |
| Sevier | 265 |
| Sharp | 962 |
| Stone | 875 |
| Union | 861 |
| Van Buren | 637 |
| Washington | 8,887 |
| White | 2,000 |
| Woodruff | 109 |
| Yell | 514 |
| State | 92,494 |

Source: Medical Marijuana Program, Arkansas Department of Health

Resources

1. Medical Marijuana Program, Arkansas Department: <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/medical-marijuana>
2. Medical Marijuana, Arkansas Alcohol Beverage Control and Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission: <https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/medical-marijuana-commission/>

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Arkansas Alcohol Beverage Control
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