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Missouri Cannabis Regulatory Program

Update

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Division Mission Statement:

A program that provides safe and secure access to cannabis for qualifying Missouri patients and adult consumers over the age of 21 years through consistent regulation, enforcement, and education.





Article XIV, Section 1

Patient Rights:

- Discuss freely with their physicians the possible benefits of medical marijuana use;
- Use medical marijuana for treatment under the supervision of a physician.
- A program that provides safe and secure access to cannabis for qualifying Missouri patients and adult consumers over the age of 21 years through consistent regulation, enforcement, and education.



Article XIV, Section 2

Purpose:

The purpose of Amendment 3 is to make marijuana legal under state and local law for adults 21 years of age or older, and to control the commercial production and distribution of marijuana under a system that licenses, regulates, and taxes the businesses involved while protecting public health.



Article XIV, Section 2

The intent is to prevent:

- Arrest and penalty for personal possession and cultivation of limited amounts of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older.
- Remove the commercial production and distribution of marijuana from the illicit market.
- Prevent revenue generated from commerce in marijuana from going to criminal enterprises.
- Prevent the distribution of marijuana to persons under 21 years of age.
- Prevent the diversion of marijuana to illicit markets.
- Protect public health by ensuring the safety of marijuana and products containing marijuana; and ensure the security of marijuana facilities.



Article XIV, Section 2

Highlights:

- Removes state prohibitions on purchasing, possessing, consuming, using, delivering, manufacturing and selling cannabis for personal use for adults over the age of 21.
- Requires a registration card for personal cultivation with prescribed limits.
- Establishes a lottery selection process to award licenses and certificates.
- Issues equally distributed licenses to each congressional district and Imposes a 6% state sales tax on the retail price of cannabis to benefit various programs.



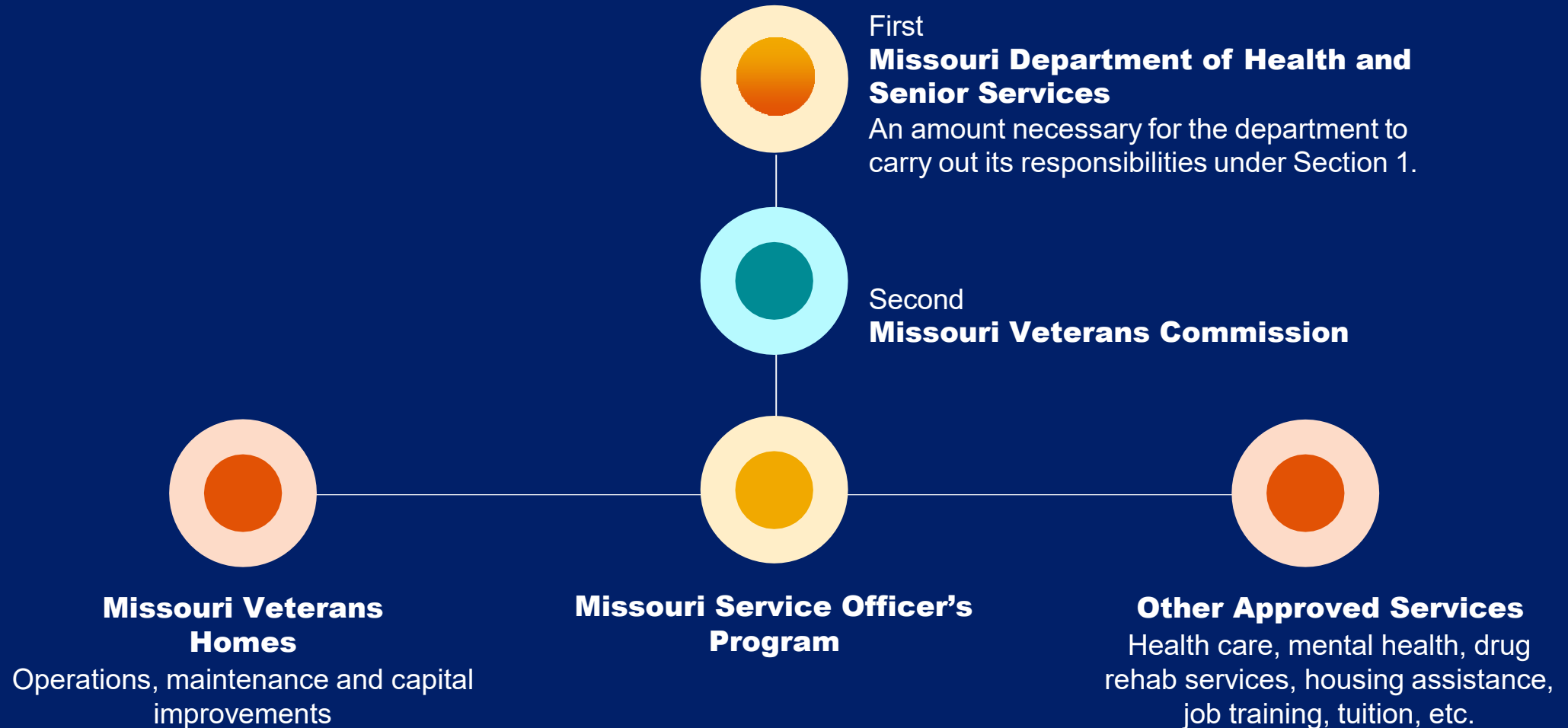
Article XIV, Section 2

Highlights continued:

- Qualified Patients' purchase limits to increase from 4 ounces to 6 ounces in a 30 day period.
- Patient identification card fee is \$25 and valid for three years instead of 12 months.
- Qualified patients can possess up to a 60-day supply or 12 ounces without penalty.
- Reduces patient renewal of cultivation license from \$100 to \$50 every three years. However, adult use home growers will need to annually renew their cultivation registration card for \$100 annual fee.
- Patient can only grow for personal use while adult growers can give their harvest to others as long as no money is exchanged or other commercial transaction takes place.

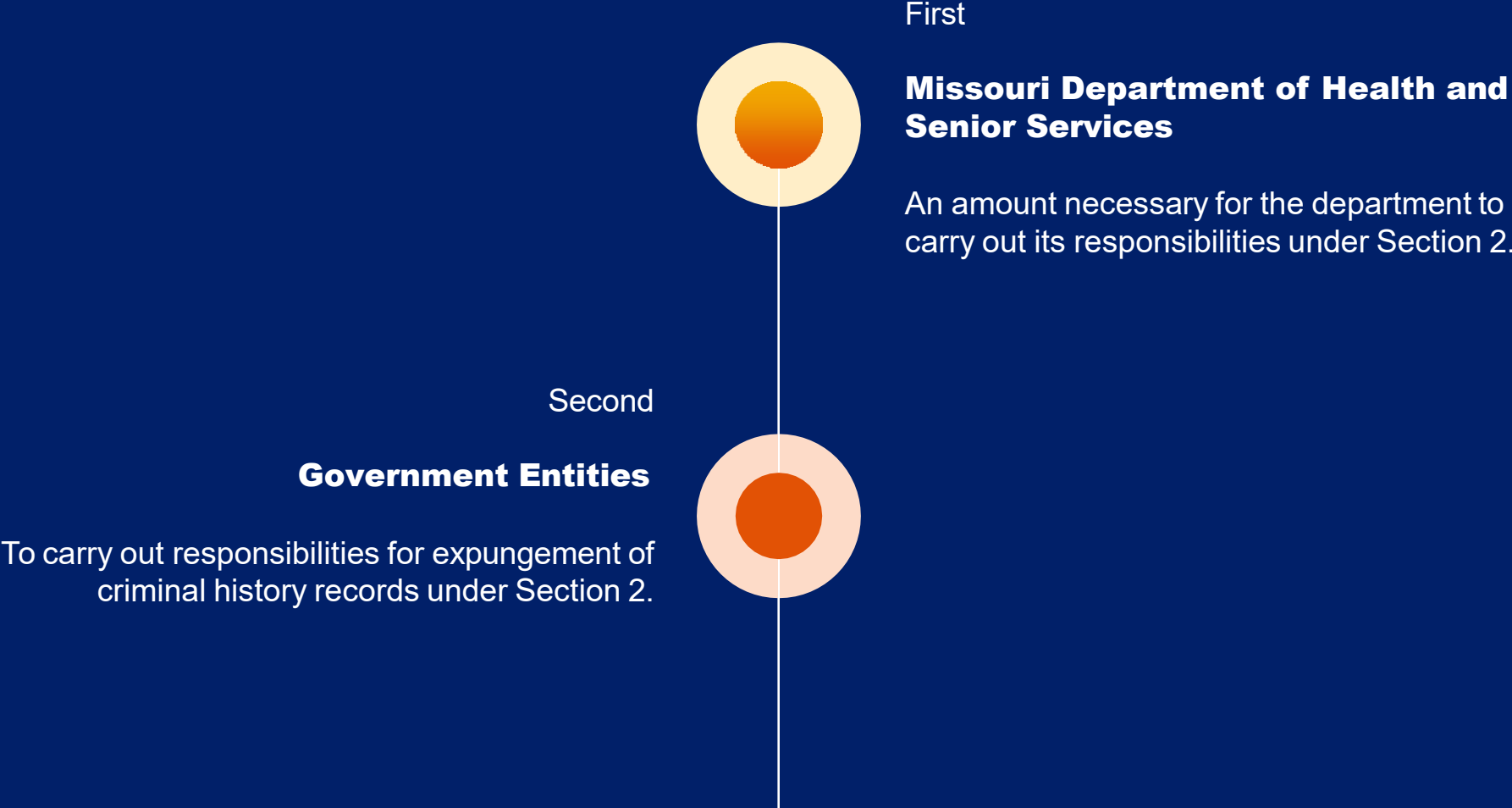
Veterans' Health and Care Fund – Article XIV Section 1

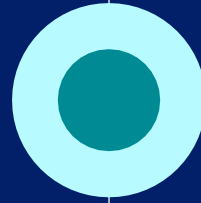
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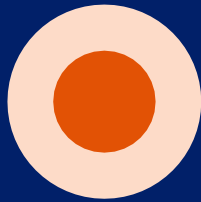
Veterans, Health and Community Reinvestment Fund – Article XIV Section 2

Consisting of taxes and all fees deposited into the Fund (minus 2% allowed to Department of Revenue). Section 2.6(1) also allows licensed entities to receive tax credits on returns of non-medical retail sales.





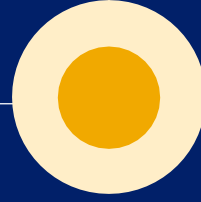
Remaining balance split



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**Missouri Veterans
Commission**

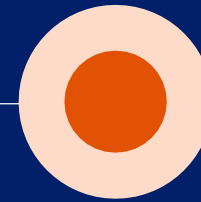
and allied state agencies exclusively for health care and other services for military veterans and their dependent families.



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**Missouri Department of
Health and Senior Services**

for grants to agencies and not-for-profits for evidence-based low-barrier drug addiction treatment.



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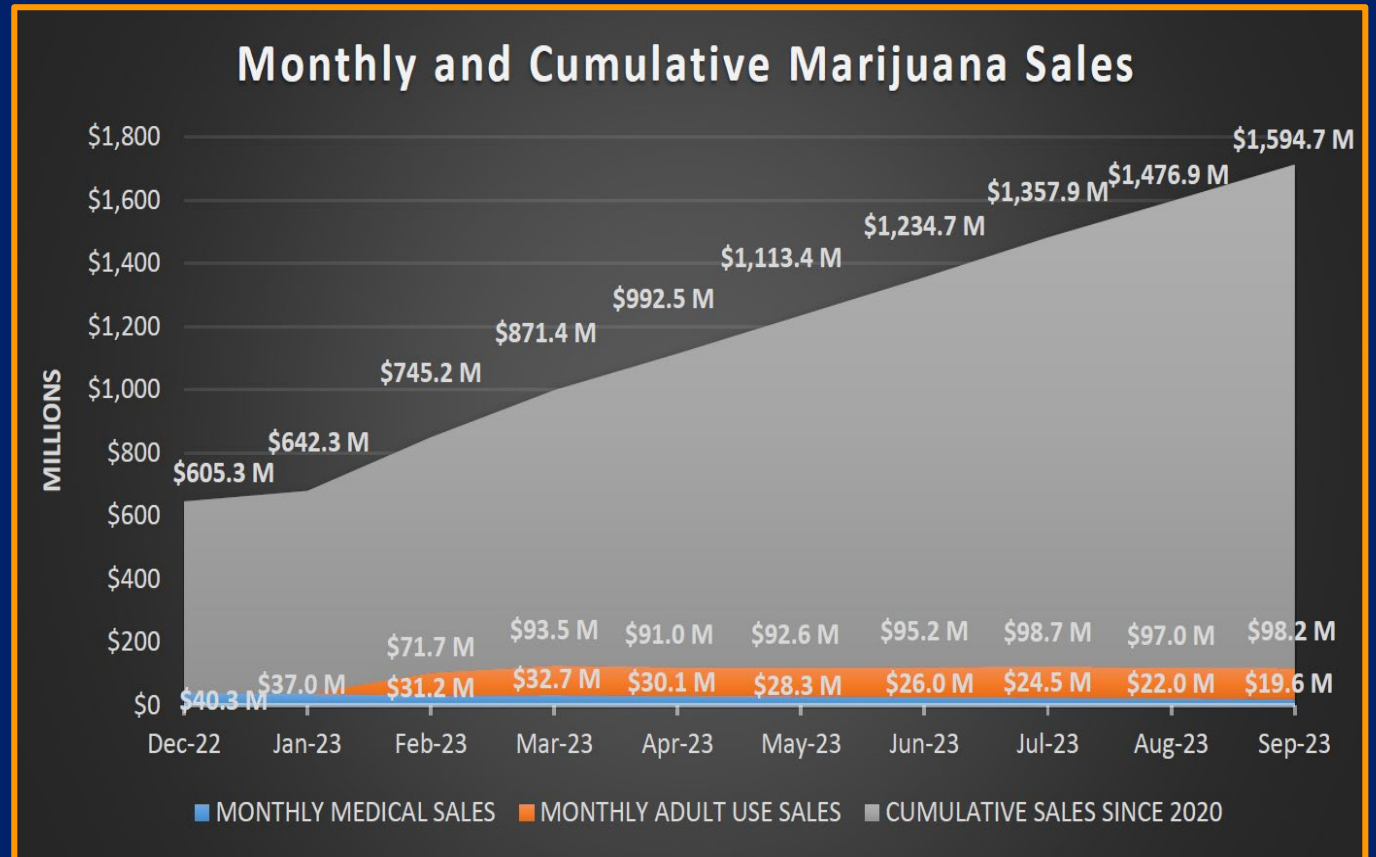
**Missouri Public Defender
System**

for low-income eligible Missourians.



Marijuana Sales Revenue

- Sales began October 16, 2020.
 - Monthly Sales data is posted to the Data and Reports page and represents a *cumulative* total.
 - Sales as of September, 2023:
 - Medical - \$19.6M
 - Adult Use - \$98.2M





Operational Support

Business Opportunity

Patient & Application Services

Facility Compliance & Enforcement

- Responsible for coordinating plans: Continuity of Operations Planning (Coop), communications plan, strategic planning, and market study.
- Coordinate with Office of Public Information (OPI) regarding media inquiries, website and public communication posts, and publication of reports.
- Coordinate the Division's compilation of the Missouri Medical Marijuana Regulatory Program's Annual Report to the Governor.
- Coordinate with Office of General Counsel on Sunshine Requests.
- Financial activities: Budget and Performance Metrics, Fixed Asset Tracking, Fiscal Notes, accounts payable, purchasing, and employee expense accounts.
- Staff professional development and training coordination.



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- Conduct review and certify that awarded microbusiness licensees are eligible applicants and are in good standing for licensure.
- Ensure eligibility review is publicly available.
- Publish public education programming detailing licensing process and information regarding available support and resources to individuals interested in applying for microbusiness licensure.
- Establish targeted technical assistance programming to communities impacted by cannabis prohibition.
- Annual report to the legislature of compliance activities.
- Assist in designing and implementing grant program for addiction/overdose treatment/education.



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Facility Compliance &
Enforcement

- Process individual applications for medical cannabis licensure, agent ID, and personal cultivation.
- Staff call center to answer public's call and email inquiries.
- Review criminal history background checks for licensure in accordance to federal law and polices and state law and associated rules.
- Respond to applicant call and email inquiries.
- Review criminal history background checks for licensure in accordance to federal law and polices and state law and associated rules.
- Process and provide technical assistance for facility applications and required supporting documentation.



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**Facility Compliance &
Enforcement**

- Verify eligibility for licensure of microbusinesses and comprehensive facilities.
- Process and approve or deny Business Change Requests.
- Process fees for facility annual and renewal requirements, and process facility assessed fines.
- Process notices of violation, revocations, variances and sanctions for licensure issues.
- Develop written and consistent guidance for rule interpretation.
- Coordinate consistent process and procedures across the Section.
- Coordinate with Office of General Council regarding responses for rule interpretation.
- Research and design industry and policy specific trainings for staff.
- Compile and analyze datasets and report noncompliant entries to the compliance team for review.
- Create and maintain processes, procedures, and training for staff on the tracking system.
- Create data-reporting documents and tools to use as evidence to support an investigation or enforcement action.
- Collaborate with division teams and lead investigation involving large/complex datasets.



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**Facility Compliance &
Enforcement**

- Conduct investigations against licensed/certified facilities and individuals, take enforcement action, and serve as subject matter experts in litigation of revocation/suspension.
- Process facility requests for packaging and labeling approvals and enforce compliance.
- Process licensee requests for material deviation from previously approved facility design.
- Ensure compliance for cannabis license facilities per Article XIV and 19 CSR 30-95.
- Responsible for inspection of all facility license types.
- Coordinate product recall notices.
- Process recommendations for facility variances from rule.
- Take appropriate action on track and trace incidents forwarded from the Investigations Unit.
- Review remote access to licensed facility security systems for compliance.
- Recommend and follow-up on any enforcement type actions being taken with the licensee, including initial notices of violations, warning letters, administrative holds or restrictions.



Funds in the Future

Veterans' Health and Care Fund

- \$13M for FY24
- FY25 in early budget process

Veterans, Health and Community Reinvestment Fund

- \$1.2M for FY24
- FY25 in early budget process



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