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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Neutral Oral In-Person Testimony on House Bill 2708

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. The ABC is neutral on this bill, which is related to the passage of a medical marijuana bill and creates lab standards for medical marijuana testing and specifies testing standards, who the lab may accept samples of medical marijuana for testing; and that a distributor must be utilized for transporting samples of medical marijuana from the licensee and the lab.

The bill creates policies for testing and public confidence; prevents ownership in a dispensary, cultivator, processor or distributor; and requires the director to propose rules and regulations necessary to develop acceptable testing and research practices.

The ABC has been in discussion with the KDHE about this bill. They have existing standards and accreditation certification programs that their laboratory department already administers. The KDHE is more than willing to consult with the ABC on lab certification.

The bill also does not mention any fees for accreditation certification and the ABC believes this should be addressed.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.