

IDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2023

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
<p>**NEW** CONNECTICUT <i>(Sports and iGaming)</i></p>	<p>On Feb. 8, Connecticut State Sen. Herron Gaston and Rep. Tony Scott filed SB 971 that would prevent operators from advertising financial enticements and prohibit gamblers from funding their online gaming activity with a jointly held debit or credit card account. The bill was assigned to the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security, and the committee conducted a hearing on the bill on Feb. 14. The bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Jun. 7 - adjournment</p>	<p>IDEA will monitor the activity of the Connecticut legislature.</p>
<p>GEORGIA <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>On Feb. 20, SB 57 passed out of the Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee. The bill is expected to be sent to the Rules Committee, where it will be scheduled for a vote by the entire Senate. SB 57, which is primarily backed by the horseracing industry, would allow the Georgia Lottery Corporation to issue 18 sports betting licenses; nine to professional sports teams or their preferred online sports betting provider and nine that we be will untethered. The tax rate would be 20%, and the bill would not require a constitutional amendment.</p> <p>On Feb. 21, the Georgia House Higher Education Committee conducted a hearing, but did not vote, on HB 380. HB 380 would legalize online-only sports betting in Georgia and is supported by operators and teams. The legislation would allow for 16 mobile sports betting licenses. The bill would not require a constitutional amendment because sports betting would be overseen by the Georgia Lottery Corp. The bill initially proposed a tax rate of 15%, but we understand that the bill will be amended to impose a 20% tax rate.</p> <p>On Feb. 23, the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee conducted a hearing, but did not vote, on SB 172 and</p>	<p>Mar. 6 – crossover day</p> <p>Mar. 30 - adjournment</p>	<p>IDEA will monitor the activity of the Georgia legislature.</p>

	<p>SR 140. Committee chair Sen. Bill Cowsert introduced both pieces of legislation. Key details of SB 172 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least six untethered online sports betting licenses costing \$1 million annually. - A Georgia Lottery Corporation sports betting app. - Retail sports betting kiosks through the lottery. - A tiered tax rate of 25% on parlay bets, prop bets and live bets, then 20% on regular wagers. <p>Copies of all bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>		
<p>ILLINOIS <i>(iGaming + Sports Amendment)</i></p>	<p>On Feb. 20, the Illinois Gaming Board (IGB) notified iDEA of its opposition to SB 323 – the iDEA-initiated supplier renewal fee fix bill. On Feb. 22, iDEA and the IGB met with lead sponsor Sen. Cristina Castro to discuss the IGB’s opposition. The parties agreed to allow the bill to pass out of the Senate and to continue discussions on the bill when it arrives in the House. We are now waiting for SB 323 to be called on the Senate floor.</p> <p>On Feb. 22, the House Gaming Committee conducted a hearing where IGB testified on the status of Illinois gaming and its only legislative priority for the year, which is to ban sweepstakes machines.</p> <p>On Feb. 8, Sen. Cristina Castro filed SB 1656, the industry-supported bill that would legalize iGaming in Illinois. The bill would allow operators to have three skins and would impose a tax rate of 15%. State Rep. Edgar Gonzalez has filed identical legislation in the Illinois House as HB 2239.</p> <p>On Feb. 7, Senate President Pro Tempore Bill Cunningham introduced SB 1508, which would require online sports betting sites in Illinois to show a pop-up message about webpages offering help with gambling addiction after every 10 wagers made. Sen. Cunningham was the lead sponsor of last year’s legislative effort to fix the supplier renewal fee.</p> <p>Copies of all bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Mar. 31 – Senate third reading deadline</p> <p>May 19 - adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to work with the IGB to obtain passage of SB 323.</p> <p>It is unlikely that iGaming will pass in the 2023 regular session. Passage in 2024 (at the earliest) is more realistic.</p>

<p>INDIANA <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>Indiana’s iGaming bill, HB1536, does not appear to be moving because opposition from VGT interests. Rep. Ethan Manning indicated that his caucus leadership did not express support for local revenue distribution solutions that would have ameliorated concerns from Public Policy Committee Republicans.</p> <p>Given recent controversies, there seems to be little support from the Chairman in moving his bill at present. Republican public policy committee members have publicly shared that the legislation deserves its justice in the public policy process for all sides to be heard. There's some indication that the Speaker may not be favorable to the bill. Indiana iDEA is working diligently to figure out a palatable and productive path forward on the issue. Rest assured, much can change in the remaining months of session.</p> <p>A copy of the bill along with an accompanying fiscal note can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Feb. 23 – House committee deadline</p> <p>Feb. 27 – House third reading deadline</p> <p>Apr. 17 – Senate second reading deadline</p> <p>Apr. 18-27 - conference committees</p> <p>Apr. 27 - anticipated adjournment</p> <p>Apr. 29 - statutory sine die (official end of session)</p>	<p>iDEA continues to work with key legislators and stakeholders to advance the i-Gaming bill.</p>
<p>KENTUCKY <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>On Feb. 22, State Rep. Michael Meredith filed HB 551 to legalize retail and online sports betting for Kentucky horse racetracks. Under the bill, up to nine racetracks could partner with up to three mobile sports wagering providers for a maximum of 27 Kentucky sports betting apps.</p> <p>On Feb. 7, Sen. David Yates filed SB 73, a bill to legalize sports betting in Kentucky. The bill calls for a 6.75% tax rate on online poker and a 14.25% tax on mobile sports betting. On Feb. 9, the bill was assigned to the Senate Licensing and Occupations Committee.</p> <p>On Feb. 15, an amendment to HB 106 – a third sports betting bill – was filed. HB 106 would authorize both retail and online/mobile sports betting, daily fantasy sports and online poker.</p> <p>Copies of the bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Mar. 16 – concurrence deadline</p> <p>Mar. 30 – adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Kentucky legislature.</p>

	<p>We had anticipated that State Rep. Michael Meredith, a member of the majority, would also be filing sports betting legislation but we have not yet seen a bill.</p>		
MARYLAND <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>On Feb. 15, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee conducted a hearing on SB 267, legislation to legalize online gaming in Maryland and submit the issue to a voter referendum in the November 2024 general election. Objections to the bill focused on expanding access to iGaming licenses rather than have them limited to retail casinos.</p> <p>On Feb. 6, Maryland Senators Craig Zucker and Shelly Hettleman filed SB 621. The bill creates a framework where operators need to use third-party auditors to vet content creators that work with the brand. The bill is scheduled for a committee hearing on Mar. 8.</p> <p>Copies of the bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Mar. 8 – hearing on SB 621</p> <p>Mar. 20 – crossover deadline</p> <p>Apr. 10 – adjournment</p>	<p>On Feb. 14, iDEA submitted written testimony in support of SB 267. A copy of our letter can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>
MASSACHUSETTS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>State Sen. John Keenan has filed Bill SD. 766 that would make sportsbooks subject to Massachusetts deceptive advertising laws. More information is available in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Nov. 11 - adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Massachusetts legislature.</p>
MINNESOTA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Feb. 21, Rep. Zack Stephenson filed HF2000, and Sen. Matt Klein filed SF1949. These are identical bills to legalize sports betting in Minnesota, and the bills are very similar to Stephenson’s bill passed by the House last year. One main difference is the legislation now provides for 11 online sports betting licenses, one for each tribe. Previously, the tribes shared two master mobile sports betting licenses. The online tax rate would be 10%. The bills are preliminarily supported by the state’s tribes and professional teams.</p> <p>On Feb. 22, the House Commerce, Finance and Policy Committee (chaired by Stephenson) conducted a hearing on HF2000.</p> <p>We anticipate that Sen. Jeremy Miller will also introduce a sports betting proposal this year that will include more venues (including racetracks) than HF2000 and SF1949, but we have not yet seen a bill filed.</p>	<p>May. 22 - adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Minnesota legislature.</p>

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MISSOURI <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Feb. 23, SB 30 (Luetkemeyer) passed the Senate Appropriations Committee, but SB 1 (Haskins) failed to pass the committee. On the same day, SB 279 (Hoskins) was referred to the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee. As background, SB 1 would legalize sports wagering and allow video lottery terminals (VLTs) to operate while SB 30 would only legalize sports wagering. SB 279 would remove any language barring sports betting from existing laws outlining gaming and would include sports wagering in the definition of a "game of skill."</p> <p>On Feb. 23, HB 556 (Houx) and HB 581 (Christofanelli) passed out of the House Emerging Issues Committee. As background, the identical bills would legalize sports betting with a 10% tax rate and do not provide for VLT regulation.</p> <p>iDEA is also tracking HB 953 (Griffith). Copies of the bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Mar. 9 – crossover day</p> <p>Apr. 10 –adjournment</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Missouri legislature.
NEW HAMPSHIRE <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>On Feb. 8, SB 104 (Lang) passed out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee with a recommendation to adopt an amendment. The amendment was filed on Feb. 22, and the full Senate then voted to approve the bill. The bill will require one more vote by the Senate before moving to the House. As background, SB 104 would authorize online gaming in New Hampshire and direct the net proceeds to a community college education scholarship fund.</p> <p>A copy of the introduced and amended bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	Jan. 3 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the New Hampshire legislature.

<p>NEW YORK <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>On Feb. 15, Sen. Joe Addabbo filed Bill S.4856 to legalize iGaming in New York. The bill would offer an online license to each sports betting operator, and the proposed tax rate is 30.5%. The bill can be accessed in the Member Portal. On February 1, Gov. Kathy Hochul unveiled her 2024 executive budget, but the legalization of iGaming was not included.</p> <p>On Jan. 31, the New York Senate Racing, Gaming, and Wagering Committee and the Assembly Racing and Wagering Committee conducted a joint subject matter hearing on mobile sports betting. Operators testified on the need to lower the state’s 51% tax rate. On Jan. 17, Sen. Joseph Addabbo filed S.1962 that would tie a reduction in the tax rate to an increase in the number of operators. Under the legislation, the tax rate would be lowered to 50% if there are 10-12 operators, 35% if there are 13-14 operators and 25% if there are 15+ operators.</p> <p>Other bills we are monitoring include S.1550, which would require all advertisements to include warnings about the potentially harmful and addictive effects of gambling, and AB 1056, which would create a problem gambling advisory council.</p> <p>Copies of all bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Jun. 8 - adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the New York legislature.</p>
<p>**NEW** NORTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>We anticipated that a sports betting bill would be filed in North Carolina this week, but we have not yet seen a bill filed.</p>	<p>May 4 – crossover day Aug. 31 – adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the North Carolina legislature.</p>
<p>NORTH DAKOTA <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>On Feb. 13, HCR 3002 was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. As background, the bill would legalize sports betting in North Dakota following a November 2024 voter referendum. On Jan. 12, the North Dakota House of Representatives passed the bill. A copy of the bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Apr. 28 – adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the North Dakota legislature.</p>

OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>In his recommended two-year state budget proposal, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine proposed doubling the tax on sports betting from 10% to 20% and banning the marketing of promotional credits as “free” or “risk-free” bets unless they can be made without an initial deposit. A copy of the proposed budget can be accessed in the Member Portal, and the proposed sports betting tax increase can be found on line 73672.</p>	Dec. 31 - adjournment	<p>Our sources in Ohio have indicated this proposed tax increased will likely not be accepted by the legislature. iDEA will monitor the activity of the Ohio legislature.</p>
OKLAHOMA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Feb. 14, HB 1027 passed out of the Oklahoma House Appropriations and Budget Select Agencies Subcommittee. As background, HB 1027 would allow the state's tribes to amend their gaming compacts with the state and offer both retail and online sports betting and would require them to pay fees derived from sports betting to the state. Sen. Bill Coleman has announced on Feb. 8 that he will be the lead sponsor of HB 1027 in the Senate. A copy of the bill, as amended by the Subcommittee, can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	Mar. 23 – crossover deadline	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Oklahoma legislature.</p>
RHODE ISLAND <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>We anticipate that iGaming legislation will be filed in the Rhode Island legislature within the next few weeks.</p>	Jun. 30 - adjournment	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Rhode Island legislature.</p>
SOUTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Dec. 8, Rep. Todd Rutherford pre-filed a constitutional amendment – H 3095 Joint Resolution – to allow sports betting in South Carolina. The measure has been referred to the House Committee on Judiciary. The bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	May. 11 – adjournment	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the South Carolina legislature.</p>
TEXAS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Feb. 15, SJR 17 was assigned to the Senate State Affairs Committee. The resolution, filed by Sen. Carol Alvarado, would create the Texas Gaming Commission, and authorize casino gaming and retail sports wagering only.</p> <p>On Feb. 6, State Sen. Lois Kolkhorst filed two bills, SB 715 and SJR 39, to legalize online-only sports betting. The measures, supported by operators, teams and racetracks, asks voters to decide in a November election whether they want to legalize sports betting. The legislation would impose a 10% tax rate. We expect State Rep. Jeff Leach to be the sponsor in the House. Copies of the bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	May 29 - adjournment	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Texas legislature.</p>

	<p>On Feb. 3, State Rep. Charlie Geren filed HJR 97 to put a referendum in front of Texas voters on whether to legalize land-based casinos and sports betting. Retail casino stakeholders support this measure.</p> <p>Copies of the bills and resolutions can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>		
VERMONT <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Feb. 21 and 22, the Vermont House Ways and Means Committee conducted its review of H. 127. The bill has previously been considered by the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs. As background, the bill would legalize online sports betting. A copy of bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p> <p>Last year, the Vermont legislature approved a Sports Betting Study Committee. The Committee met throughout the fall with the goal of issuing recommendations to the legislature as it considers sports betting legislation in 2023. The Committee finalized its report on Dec. 13, and the report can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	May 29 - adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Vermont legislature.
VIRGINIA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Feb. 13, SB 1142, which would reinstate sports betting promotional deductions, was tabled in the House Appropriations Committee.</p> <p>On Feb. 3, SB 1142, which would reinstate sports betting promotional deductions, passed the Virginia State Senate. On the same day, HB 2202 (the companion bill to SB 1142) was tabled in the House Appropriations Committee so that technical issues could be fixed. Copies of the bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	Feb. 25 – adjournment Apr. 13 – start of veto session	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Virginia Legislature.
WEST VIRGINIA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Feb. 21, HB 3232 (Riley) passed out of the House Judiciary Committee. The committee substitute can be accessed in the Member Portal. As background, the bill creates a framework where operators need to use third-party auditors to vet content creators that work with the brand. The bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	Mar. 11 - adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the West Virginia Legislature.

	<p>SB 571 – a similar bill to HB 3232 – was introduced in the Senate by Senator Barrett. It is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>		
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OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Dec. 23, the Ohio Casino Control Commission scolded but did not act against sports betting operators accused of not following advertising rules a week ahead of the official launch of legal wagering. The OCCC’s message and more background information can be also accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Mar. 15 – next regular OCCC meeting</p>	<p>iDEA continues to engage with the OCCC on matters related to rulemaking and the launch of mobile sports betting.</p>
MAINE <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Jan. 31, the Maine Gambling Control Unit (MGCU) held a public hearing on its proposed sports betting regulations. Strong opposition was directed toward the advertising rules (Chapter 64). The Maine Association of Broadcasters (supported by the National Association of Broadcasters) testified that the restrictions were illegal, unreasonable, inequitable, and unfeasible. It was strongly inferred that adoption of the rules as proposed would lead to significant litigation that the broadcasters would likely win on First Amendment grounds. The particular provisions opposed by the broadcasters were the 10-day review provision, the celebrities/entertainers/athletes prohibition, the bonuses/promotions advertising prohibition, and commercials being restricted to during live sporting events and only on the stations broadcasting the events. A link to the hearing and more background information can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p> <p>On Jan. 11, the Maine Gambling Control Unit (MGCU) issued the first draft of proposed sports betting regulations. The draft rules and the notice of rulemaking can be accessed in the Member Portal. The deadline for public comment is Mar. 3.</p>	<p>Mar. 3 – public comment deadline for proposed rules</p>	<p>The iDEA Legislative Committee is finalizing a written comment letter on the proposed rules. We have asked for feedback by Feb. 23.</p>

<p>MASSACHUSETTS <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>On Feb. 27, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) will host a marketing affiliates roundtable. The meeting notice can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p> <p>On Feb. 14, the MGC answered questions about certain types of wagers, with a focus on wagers involving Massachusetts collegiate teams. The MGC also determined the Massachusetts boundaries for Category 3 sports wagering geofencing purposes. A couple of things to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bettors can wager on a boat as long as it is within three miles of the shoreline. - The lands of two tribes will be marked as separate, sovereign territories per geofencing rules. <p>As we have previously reported, the MGC is considering a wide variety of sports betting regulations. As part of this process, the MGC is accepting public comments. The deadline for comments on one set of rules is Feb. 28, and the deadline for a separate set of rules is Mar. 21. The specific deadlines for various rules, as well as more information on the rulemaking, can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Feb. 27-Marketing Affiliates Roundtable</p> <p>Feb. 28 – first MGC public comment deadline</p> <p>Mar. 10 – anticipated mobile sports betting launch</p> <p>Mar. 21 – second MGC public comment deadline</p>	<p>iDEA is drafting a comment letter regarding the proposed advertising regulations. iDEA is also coordinating with affiliate members in preparation for the marketing affiliates roundtable.</p> <p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the MGC.</p>
<p>**NEW** NEW JERSEY <i>(Sports and i-Gaming)</i></p>	<p>On Feb. 7, New Jersey Attorney General Matthew Platkin and the Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) announced an initiative to identify and help problem gamblers by utilizing information collected by online gaming operators. Operators will now be required to analyze data to determine whether patrons are showing signs of problem gambling. Dedicated responsible gaming personnel will contact identified players. You can read more in the Member Portal.</p>		<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the DGE.</p>
<p>PENNSYLVANIA <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>On Dec. 27, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) announced that it is reopening the application period for qualified gaming entities (QGE) in the state. From Jan. 3 until Mar. 3 operators can submit petitions for one of three different certificates available for online casinos. These QGEs differ from regular iGaming licenses because they do not require any ties to a land-based casino. The announcement and more background information can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Jan. 23-Mar. 3 – re-opened application period for QGE’s</p> <p>Feb. 22 – PGCB meeting</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the PGCB</p>

WASHINGTON <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Feb. 13, the Washington State Gambling Commission (WSGC) held a stakeholder meeting to obtain feedback on three recent rule change proposals on which the Commissioners voted to initiate rule-making proceedings, including a change to sports wagering license fees. A link to the meeting can be accessed on the Member Portal. Copies of the recommendations can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Mar. 9-10 – WSGC meeting</p>	<p>On Feb. 13, iDEA Growth submitted a comment letter to the Washington State Gambling Commission (WSGC) recommending that WSGC reduce the sports wagering licenses fees set forth in WAC 230-05-170 (1). The letter can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>
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