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Priority States: Legislative iGaming 2024

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
LOUISIANA	iDEA anticipates legislative activity this session and will continue to monitor the activity of the Louisiana Legislature. We have heard in recent weeks that the video poker lobbying group has expressed opposition to any gaming expansion in 2024.	June 3, 2024 -- adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Louisiana Legislature.
MAINE	Due to privacy issues contained in LD 1777, the bill now needs to go to the Judiciary Committee prior to coming before the full House. To date, this bill hasn't been scheduled for a hearing in the Judiciary Committee. The bill sponsor (Rep. Supica) is not sure when the bill may be taken up in the Judiciary Committee.	April 17, 2024-adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Maine Legislature.
MARYLAND	<p>The Senate hearing on 03/26 was uneventful. iDEA submitted testimony for the record that can be viewed on the Member Portal.</p> <p>Budget negotiations are ongoing, and the recent Baltimore bridge collapse is creating even tighter finances for the state. Bill sponsor, Del. Atterbeary is one of the budget negotiators, so we have a strong voice in the room.</p> <p>However, iGaming is not (yet) being considered because of opposition from the Senate President and the Chair of Sen. Budget and Tax Cmte.</p>	Apr 8, 2024 -- adjourns	<p>We are coordinating with in-state industry stakeholders on ways to advance the bill in the Senate.</p> <p>We are tactfully trying to insert iGaming into the current budget negotiations understanding that there is a lot of sensitivity around the bridge tragedy. Money from iGaming must be used for education, so it could not be used to directly address transportation infrastructure shortfalls.</p> <p>We should know the fate of the legislation by early next week.</p>

NEW JERSEY	<p>A bill was introduced this week that would raise the tax rate for iGaming and internet sports betting to 30%. According to the Sponsor, S3064, is still being drafted into bill language.</p> <p>While the state is currently experiencing a budget surplus, it is expected to go into deficits in the coming years which is likely the impetus for finding new/increased revenues. We are not aware that this proposal has support from the Governor's office, but we do know that some lawmakers have been floating the idea of a tax increase for the past few months.</p> <p>If this bill is to move, it would likely be tied to the state budget which will be considered over the next several months.</p>	<p>December 31, 2024-session adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA has reached out to the bill sponsor and has spoken with staff. We are coordinating with state-based stakeholders and evaluating how we might want to engage on this issue.</p>
NEW YORK	<p>iDEA spoke with Sen. Addabbo on 02/21 and he says that the trade union opposition to the bill means that it will not move this year. He has tried to engage with them on their concerns, but they are not willing to negotiate.</p> <p>Rep. Gary Pretlow introduced AB9198 which is an identical bill to Senator Addabbo's iGaming bill. There has been no progress on advancing legislation this session.</p> <p>Senator Addabbo has introduced his iGaming bill. A full breakdown of his proposal can be found on the Member Portal.</p>	<p>April 1 – Budget due</p>	<p>iDEA continues to engage with Addabbo and other lawmakers.</p>

Priority States: Legislative Sports Betting 2024

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ALABAMA	<p>Senate lawmakers have removed casinos and sports betting from the state's gambling expansion bill. The stripped down bill will only authorize a Lottery. It was passed out of the Senate and now must go to the House for concurrence or a conference committee.</p> <p>There continues to be negotiations on a gambling expansion package that could potentially bring sports betting back into the mix. This could be through a tribal compact (tribal only) or competitive model.</p> <p>The legislature is on recess for spring break but will return in mid-April to take up this issue.</p>	May 20, 2024 – adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Alabama Legislature.
GEORGIA	<p>Sports betting legislation failed to reach the House floor for a vote before the GA legislature adjourned for the year. It was unclear if the bill had the 120+ votes needed to pass the $\frac{2}{3}$ threshold. The Speaker of the House was not advocating for the bill, so it made it difficult to secure the Republican votes needed for passage and several Democrats remained non-committal.</p>	Legislature Adjourned on March 28th	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Georgia Legislature.
MINNESOTA	<p>On Wednesday, April 3rd, the House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee will hold a hearing on HF 2000. This committee is chaired by Rep. Stephenson, who is the sponsor of HF 2000. It will be an informational only hearing and no action will be taken as the bill is not currently in the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee. The purpose of the hearing is for committee discussion of</p>	<p>April 3rd- House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee hearing on HF 2000</p> <p>May 20, 2024 – adjourns</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.

	<p>the amendment that was recently adopted by the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee.</p> <p>On March 21, a House version of a sports betting bill (HF 2000), had a committee hearing in the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee. The bill was amended and re-referred to the Committee on Taxes. In the amended version of the House bill, licensing fees were increased and the tax rate was changed from 10% to 20%, which now matches the tax rate change that was made to the Senate sports betting bill.</p> <p>The amended version of the bill also lowers the charitable gaming tax rates in phases over the next few years. With this amendment, there is support of the bill from the charitable gaming stakeholders. The tracks continue to be opposed to HF 2000. Getting the support of the tracks is crucial to getting a bill across the finish line.</p>		
MISSISSIPPI	<p>We understand that the Senate is working on a bill that will be different from the House passed version. Ultimately, the differences will be hashed out in a conference committee.</p> <p>On Feb. 01, the full House passed the bill as amended. (The amendment can be read here.) Some key components of the bill are: 26 licenses tied to the state's casinos, remote registration, and a 12% tax rate. If passed, the bill has an effective date of July 01, 2024.</p> <p>The bill now heads to the Senate. While it is a good sign that this bill moved through the House quickly, the key has been and continues to be getting the Senate on board.</p>	May 5, 2024 – adjourns	IDEA will monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature.

MISSOURI	<p>Progress is being made toward collecting the signature needed to get sports betting on the ballot this November.</p> <p>Missouri sports teams and some OSB operators are leading the efforts. We anticipate that casinos could actively oppose the ballot initiative because it would remove their current exclusivity on gaming in the state.</p> <p>Here is a link to the petition language.</p> <p>There has been no advancement of legislation, since Senator Hoskins has pledged to kill any bill that is sent to the Senate that doesn't also legalize VLTs.</p>	<p>May 8, 2024 – Signatures due to be eligible for the ballot. Must collect over 171,000.</p> <p>May 17, 2024 -- legislature adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Missouri Legislature and also the progress of the ballot measure.</p>
OKLAHOMA	<p>To date, there has been little movement on the sports betting bills (SB 1434 and HB 1027). Any legislation that passes will have to have the state's tribes on board. It is important to note that the tribes have stated their opposition to SB 1434.</p>	<p>May 31, 2024 - adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Oklahoma Legislature and Governor's Office.</p>
SOUTH CAROLINA	<p>To date, there has been little legislative movement. House Bill 3749, which was carried over from 2023, hasn't moved out of committee. The crossover deadline for bills to pass out of one legislative chamber and be sent to the other chamber is April 10.</p>	<p>April 10, 2024-Crossover deadline May 9, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the South Carolina Legislature.</p>

Priority States: Regulatory 2024

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NORTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On 03/20 the Commission announced new regulations primarily dealing with retail sports wagering. The proposed rules can be found here.</p> <p>They recommend using this portal to submit comments.</p>	<p>April 9 – Public comment meeting on the proposed rules</p> <p>April 19 – written comment deadline</p>	<p>We are continuing to monitor the regulatory and licensing process.</p>