

**March 15, 2024**

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**Priority States: Legislative iGaming 2024**

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	The Louisiana legislative session started this week. 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.
<b>MAINE</b>	On Feb. 29, the Joint Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs passed LD 1777. One change in the amended version of the bill that was passed is the tax rate has been changed to 16%. The committee report for the bill will need to be drafted before the bill can move through the House and the Senate. The committee report will finalize the committee's intent and then the bill will be sent to the full House. A big hurdle is getting the Governor's support as in the past the Governor hasn't really supported gaming expansion and tribal gaming bills.	April 17, 2024-adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Maine Legislature.
<b>MARYLAND</b>	<p>HB1319 passed out of the House Ways &amp; Means Committee on 03/13 by the 15-7 vote.</p> <p>The bill is now going to be given a 2nd reading on the House floor Sat. March 16. This means that the bill can be amended and debated. We understand that a new amendment will be added on Fri. March 15 that would create a fund for union workers. This is an attempt to placate union employees who have expressed concerns over potential job losses.</p> <p>Here is a link to the <a href="#">most recent version</a> of the bill that is available.</p>	<p>March 18 – Date when the House must pass a bill to be considered in the Senate.</p> <p>Apr 8, 2024 -- adjourns</p>	<p>We have provided comprehensive talking points related to cannibalization and RG to the bill sponsor for her to use for floor debate.</p> <p>Our team is working on individual members in the House to help secure the votes needed for passage.</p> <p>We are coordinating with in-state industry stakeholders on ways to advance the bill in the Senate.</p>

	<p>The bill sponsor feels confident the bill will get out of the House.</p> <p>As this bill moves to the Senate we are working with key leaders in that chamber to address concerns with the House bill (tax rates and licensing), neutralize the opposition of Cordish and Churchill Downs, while still maintaining sufficient market access points.</p>		
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	<p>iDEA continues to actively monitor the potential of a gaming tax increase and is working closely with various stakeholders.</p> <p>NJ's Speaker of the House is considering a gaming tax increase. iDEA is actively working to persuade the Speaker otherwise. The New Jersey Gaming Association is also aware of what the Speaker is considering.</p>	December 31, 2024-session adjourns	iDEA will monitor activity of the New Jersey Legislature.
<b>NEW YORK</b>	<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 <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</p>	April 1 – Budget due	iDEA continues to engage with Addabbo and other lawmakers.

## Priority States: Legislative Sports Betting 2024

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<b>ALABAMA</b>	<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>House leaders will be evaluating what changes they will make to the new Senate bill, which could include reinserting sports betting.</p>	<p>May 20, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Alabama Legislature.</p>
<b>GEORGIA</b>	<p>This week the House held its first hearing on the bill. They will meet again next week and expect amendments to strengthen RG provisions and increase the tax rate from 20 to 25%. There is also an effort to add DFS regulatory language to the bill which will increase the revenues, however it is not known if adding it will secure additional votes needed in the House. Right now, we dont believe there are the votes to support the bill, but new amendments could help.</p> <p>The House still must act on both the enabling legislation and the constitutional amendment (CA). There are only 2 weeks left in the session.</p>	<p>March 28, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Georgia Legislature.</p>
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	<p>On March 14, SF 1949 had a hearing in the Senate Committee on Taxes. It passed the bill, with some amendments. A couple of the key amendments include: - Raised the tax rate from 10% to 20% -A phase out for promotional play deductions that begins with 100% deductible before Jan. 1, 2028 and reduces it by 25% every year until no deductions are allowed after Dec. 31, 2030.</p> <p>The bill now moves to the Senate Finance Committee. The Finance Committee chair has indicated that he is opposed to gaming expansion.</p>	<p>May 20, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.</p>

<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<p>The Senate has not taken up the bill yet as they continue to be focused on other gaming issues, namely casino issues. However, the bill is still active and there is optimism that the bill will move forward out of committee prior to the April 2 Senate Committee deadline.</p> <p>On Feb. 01, the full House passed the bill as amended. (The amendment can be read <a href="#">here.</a>) 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>	<p>April 2 – Senate Committee deadline</p> <p>May 5, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature.</p>
<b>MISSOURI</b>	<p>We expect the MO House to pass their bill, however, there is no urgency since it is unlikely to move in the Senate given strong opposition from Sen. Hoskins. This means the ballot initiative could gain more steam in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Missouri sports teams and some mobile operators have announced they will push for a ballot initiative that would bypass the legislature and take the question about sports betting directly to the voters. Here is a link to the <a href="#">petition language.</a></p>	<p>February – House vote expected before end of month</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>

<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	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.	May 31, 2024 - adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Oklahoma Legislature and Governor's Office.
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	We anticipate legislative activity in South Carolina in 2024.	May 9, 2024 – adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the South Carolina Legislature.

### Priority States: Regulatory 2024

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<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	The Commission announced 8 operators that are permitted to go live on March 11. Pre-registration began on 03/01. They have also awarded a number of licenses to suppliers. All licensees can be found <a href="#">here</a> .	Mar 1 – Pre-registration March 11 – Launch date	We are continuing to monitor the regulatory and licensing process.