

April 5, 2024

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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	LD 1777 passed out of the Judiciary Committee this week. Final language review is expected to happen next week and then after that, it is possible that the bill heads to the full House.	April 17, 2024-adjourns	IDEA will monitor the activity of the Maine Legislature.
MARYLAND	The legislature reached a deal on the budget that did not include revenues from iGaming. Despite strong support from House leaders, the Senate remained opposed. Even with this new budget, it is expected that the government will face revenue shortfalls to the education trust fund and the general fund because of the unknown costs associated with the bridge collapse.	Apr 8, 2024 -- adjourns	We are continuing dialogue with Chair Atterbeary (our House champion) to best position iGaming for future consideration. In the next few weeks our team will be leading a dialogue with other industry lobbyists and stakeholders to facilitate a discussion of lessons learned, strategies for government and public relations for the next MD opportunity.
NEW JERSEY	At this time, the Senate President has no intention of taking any action on the gaming tax increase bill. IDEA will continue to closely monitor the New Jersey Legislature, especially the budget negotiation process that will take place over the next several months.	December 31, 2024-session adjourns	IDEA continues to monitor the New Jersey Legislature.

	<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>		
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>	April 1 – Budget due	iDEA continues to engage with Addabbo and other lawmakers.

Priority States: Legislative Sports Betting 2024

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ALABAMA	<p>This week the House did not approve the stripped down version of the Senate gambling expansion bill, forcing a conference committee where a final bill will be negotiated.</p> <p>Sports betting and other expanded gambling such as commercial casinos will be back on the table for discussion, but with the House and Senate very far apart on their appetite for gambling expansion reaching a compromise will be difficult.</p> <p>It is also possible that through the negotiation, sports betting will be approved to be part of the state's compact with the tribe. In this case, the tribe could seek to offer retail and even statewide mobile.</p>	<p>May 20, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Alabama Legislature.</p>
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 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>	<p>Legislature Adjourned on March 28th</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Georgia Legislature.</p>
MINNESOTA	<p>On Wednesday, April 3rd, the House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee held a hearing on HF 2000. In light of the recent decision by the Minnesota Racing Commission to approve historical horse racing at the state's tracks, a lot of this informational only hearing centered on the prohibition of historical horse racing that is in the bill. This prohibition continues to receive pushback. However, to date, the bill's sponsor has remained firm on this prohibition. The historical horse</p>	<p>May 20, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.</p>

	<p>gaming issue has the potential to further complicate the online sports betting negotiations.</p> <p>A new sports betting bill, SF 5330, was introduced this week by Senator Marty. This bill does include a 40% tax rate, a ban on in-game betting, and more money spent on problem gambling. While it is not expected that this bill gains much movement in the legislative process, it is important to note that Senator Marty is the chair of the Senate Finance Committee, which is the committee where the Senate bill (SF 1949) that has seen the most movement is currently stalled.</p>		
<p>MISSISSIPPI</p>	<p>On Apr. 2, the Senate Gaming Committee stripped out the language in House Bill 774 and passed a shell bill out of committee so that the bill could move forward and meet the deadline for House bills to advance through Senate committees. It is expected that the Senate will pass a more structured, amended version of the bill very soon. The Senate bill will differ from the House-passed bill, which has industry support. The differences between the two versions of the bill will be worked out in a conference committee.</p> <p>There are a couple deadlines that Senate passage of HB 774 is up against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Apr. 10: Deadline for original floor action on general bills originating in the other legislative chamber. *Apr. 11: Deadline for reconsideration and passage of general bills originating in the other legislative chamber. 	<p>Apr. 10: Deadline for original floor action on general bills originating in the other legislative chamber.</p> <p>Apr. 11: Deadline for reconsideration and passage of general bills originating in the other legislative chamber.</p> <p>May 5, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature.</p>

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>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Missouri Legislature and also the progress of the ballot measure.
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>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Oklahoma Legislature and Governor's Office.
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</p> <p>May 9, 2024 – adjourns</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the South Carolina Legislature.

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>