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iDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2023

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ALABAMA (Sports)	We anticipate that bills legalizing sports betting will be filed during the legislative session, which began on Mar. 7, but we have not yet seen a bill.	Jun. 8 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Alabama legislature.
CONNECTICUT (Sports and iGaming)	On Apr. 3, SB 971 (Gaston) was reported out of the Legislative Commissioners' Office and assigned to the Senate calendar. As background, 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 .	Jun. 7 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Connecticut legislature.
GEORGIA (Sports)	The legislature adjourned <i>sine die</i> on Mar. 30 without legalizing sports betting. Multiple bills were filed on the subject. HB 237 (Hagan) was amended in March to include the language from HB 380 (Wiedower), the online sports betting legislation supported by operators and teams, and the amended bill then passed out of the Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee. As background, the legislation would allow for 16 mobile sports betting licenses, as well as five to seven retail sports betting licenses. The bill would impose a tax rate of 22%, and would not require a constitutional amendment because sports betting would be overseen by the Georgia Lottery Corp. Another bill was SB 57 (Hickman), which is primarily backed by the horseracing industry. The bill 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	Adjourned	Notwithstanding the amendment to HB 237, it remains uncertain whether the full Senate will pass sports betting. Given developments in both the House and Senate, we are not optimistic that sports passing will pass in Georgia in 2023. Nevertheless, iDEA will monitor the activity of the Georgia legislature.

	be 20%, and the bill would not require a constitutional amendment. SB 172 (Cowser) (and its enabling legislation SR 140) included the following components: - 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. Copies of all bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.		
ILLINOIS (iGaming + Sports Amendment)	It appears that Illinois legislators are putting together an omnibus gaming bill to deal with issues having no opposition. On Apr. 27, the House Gaming Committee recommended passage of SB 1508 (Cunningham). As background, SB 1508 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. The current language is based off similar language used in Pennsylvania. On Apr. 19, the House Gaming Committee conducted a subject matter hearing on SB 323 (Castro), the iDEA-initiated supplier renewal fee fix bill. The Illinois Gaming Board and the Governor's Office of Budget and Management (GOMB) remain opposed to the bill, and some committee members expressed concern with any reduction to funds used to support capital projects. This year's iGaming bills – SB 1656 (Castro) and HB 2239 (Gonzalez) – failed to advance past the Mar. 10 committee deadline. The bills would allow operators to have three skins and would impose a tax rate of 15%. Copies of all bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.	May 19 – adjournment	iDEA testified at the Apr. 19 subject matter hearing on SB 323 and will continue to push for passage of SB 323. It is unlikely that iGaming will pass in the 2023 regular session.

INDIANA (iGaming)	The long session of the Indiana General Assembly has concluded, with both chambers adjourning just before 2 am on Apr. 28. Neither iGaming nor iLottery were authorized in any form during this legislative session.	Adjourned	iDEA continues to work with key legislators and stakeholders in Indiana.
IOWA (iGaming)	The Iowa legislature adjourned on May 4, and HSB 227 (Kauffman) did not pass before adjournment. As background, HSB 227 was this year's iGaming bill that would have allowed Iowa's 17 commercial operations to have up to two online casino skins each. The House Ways and Means Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill on Mar. 22 but offered no recommendation. The bill can be accessed in the Member Portal .	Adjourned	iGaming did not pass in Iowa this year. iDEA will monitor the activity of the Iowa legislature.
KENTUCKY (Sports)	The Kentucky sports betting bill – HB 551 (Meredith) will become effective on Jun. 28, and the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) will then have six months from that date (until Dec. 28) to promulgate regulations. As background, the bill would legalize retail and online sports betting for 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. Wagers placed at tracks would have an excise tax of 9.75% and online wagers a rate of 14.25%. A copy of the bill and related amendments can be accessed in the Member Portal .	Jun. 28 – effective date for Kentucky sports betting legislation Dec. 28 – deadline for KHRC to promulgate sports betting regulations	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Kentucky legislature.
MARYLAND (iGaming)	On Apr. 10, SB 621 (Zucker) passed out of the Legislature and was sent to the Governor. As background, the bill would license independent evaluators to audit touts and handicappers. Sports wagering licensees or sports wagering operators may contract with independent evaluators that are licensed under the bill. SB 267 (Watson) failed to make it out of the Senate by the crossover deadline, and the legislature is now adjourned for the year. As background, the bill would legalize online gaming in Maryland and submit the issue to a voter referendum in the November 2024 general election. Copies of the bills can be accessed in the Member Portal .	Adjourned	Maryland will not pass iGaming legislation in 2023. On Feb. 14, iDEA submitted written testimony in support of SB 267. A copy of our letter can be accessed in the Member Portal.

MASSACHUSETTS <i>(Sports)</i>	The bill number for SD. 766 was changed to S. 182 and was then referred to the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. As background, this bill would make sportsbooks subject to Massachusetts deceptive advertising laws. More information is available in the Member Portal.	Nov. 11 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Massachusetts legislature.
MINNESOTA <i>(Sports)</i>	On May 10, the Minnesota Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee passed the Senate sports wagering bill by a vote of 8-5. The bill was then referred to the Tax Committee and then re-referred to the Rules and Administration Committee. On May 11, the Rules and Administration Committee reported the bill out of Committee and sent the bill to the Tax Committee. In the Senate State Government committee hearing on May 3, Sen. Matt Klein introduced an amendment to SF 1949 that would give the state's horse racing tracks a portion of the sports gambling revenue. The Committee heard testimony but took no action. As background, HF 2000 (Stephenson) and SF 1949 (Klein) are identical bills to legalize sports betting and provide for 11 online sports betting licenses, one for each tribe. The online tax rate would be 10%. The state's tribes and professional teams support the bills. Copies of all bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.	May. 22 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Minnesota legislature.

MISSOURI (Sports)	On May 9, Rep. Dan Houx added a sports betting amendment to SB 92, an unrelated bill that had previously passed the Senate, and the amended bill passed the House later that day. The amendment would allow the state's 13 casinos to offer customers three online betting platforms with a limit of six per casino company. Each of the major league sports teams could contract with a platform to offer betting near their stadium. The tax rate would be 15%. On Apr. 5, the Senate debated but did not vote on SB 30 (Luetkemeyer). The Senate adopted a series of amendments to the bill that did the following: - Increase the tax rate to 15%. - Double the admission fee casinos pay for customers at their brick-and-mortar gaming facilities from \$2 to \$4. - Add a \$4 online admission fee paid by casinos for every two hours people bet on sports through a sportsbook app. - Allow Missouri-based RealTime Fantasy Sports to host peer-to-peer sports bets. - Notify professional players' associations of any investigations into one of their players. As background, SB 30 would legalize sports wagering but not address VLT's. On Mar. 22, the House passed HB 556 (Houx) and HB 581 (Christofanelli), and the identical bills now advance to the Senate. As background, the bills would authorize up to 45 sports book apps with a 10% tax rate but does not address VLT regulation. On Feb. 23, SB 1 (Haskins) failed to pass the Senate Appropriations 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 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."	May 12 – adjournment	Notwithstanding the House passage of SB 92, HB 556 and HB 581, we are not optimistic that the Senate will pass sports betting legislation in 2023 given significant VLT industry opposition. Nevertheless, iDEA will monitor the activity of the Missouri legislature.
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	iDEA is also tracking HB 953 (Griffith). Copies of the bill, including the adopted amendments to SB 30, can be accessed in the Member Portal .		
NEW HAMPSHIRE (iGaming)	On Apr. 26, the House Ways and Means Committee unanimously recommended against passage of SB 104 (Lang). The bill, however, can still be called for a vote on the House floor. As background, SB 104 would authorize online gaming in New Hampshire and direct the net proceeds to a community college education scholarship fund. The New Hampshire Lottery Commission would choose online casino operators in a competitive bidding process. On Mar. 23, the Finance Committee adopted an amendment to the bill removing the legalization of online slots to address concerns from the state's retail-based charitable casinos. A copy of the introduced and amended bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.	Jun. 30 – adjournment	It now appears unlikely that New Hampshire will pass iGaming in 2023. iDEA will monitor the activity of the New Hampshire legislature.
NEW YORK (iGaming)	On Mar. 14, the Assembly and Senate released their one-house budgets, and neither proposal included iGaming revenue. On Feb. 27, the New York State Assembly passed A1118, sponsored by Assemb. Clyde Vanel. The proposal calls for sports betting companies to include information within their advertising that highlights the potential dangers of legal gambling. The bill then moved to the Senate where it was referred to the Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee.	Jun. 8 – adjournment	It is very unlikely that New York will pass iGaming in 2023. iDEA will monitor the activity of the New York legislature.

	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. 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. 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. Copies of all bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.		
NORTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	On Mar. 29, the House passed H 347 (Saine). As background, the bill would legalize online sports betting and allow for up to a dozen operators to acquire five-year, \$1 million renewable licenses to take bets. Sports betting would be taxed at 14%. A copy of the bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.	May 4 – crossover day Aug. 31 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the North Carolina legislature.
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	Our sources say that the House's version of the biennial budget will feature a study committee for all things gaming (iGaming, iLottery, etc.). 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	Dec. 31 – adjournment	Our sources in Ohio have indicated this proposed tax increase will likely not be accepted by the legislature. iDEA will monitor the activity of the Ohio legislature.

	budget can be accessed in the Member Portal , and the proposed sports betting tax increase can be found on line 73672.		
OKLAHOMA (Sports)	On Mar. 30, HB 1027 (Luttrell) was referred to the Senate Finance Committee. The bill passed the House on Mar. 21. 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 announced on Feb. 8 that he will be the lead sponsor of HB 1027 in the Senate. A copy of the bill can be accessed in the Member Portal .	May 26 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Oklahoma legislature.
RHODE ISLAND (iGaming)	On May 10, S 948 had a hearing in the Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee. The Committee recommended that the bill be held for further study. On Apr. 27, State Senate President Dominick Ruggerio and Rep. Gregory Costantino filed S0948, a bill to legalize iGaming. The proposed legislation would allow the state's Division of Lotteries to authorize online slots and table games at Bally's retail casinos in the state. A copy of the bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.	Jun. 30 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Rhode Island legislature.
SOUTH CAROLINA (Sports)	On Mar. 30, the House Ways and Means Revenue Policy Legislative Subcommittee conducted a hearing on H. 3749, a proposal filed on Jan. 19 by Rep. Christopher Murphy that would create a nine-member commission that would select up to eight vendors to receive licenses to run online sports betting apps. The tax rate would be 10%. 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. Copies of the bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.	May 11 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the South Carolina legislature.

TENNESSEE <i>(Sports)</i>	On Apr. 27, the House passed SB 475 (Stevens), and the bill now heads to the Governor. Currently, sportsbooks have adjusted gross income taxed at 20% with a 10% hold requirement. SB 475 would instead impose a 2% monthly privilege tax on total gross wagers less cancelled or voided wagers. The bill also ends the official league data requirement. A similar proposal was also amended to HB 1362 (filed by Rep. Andrew Farmer), but did not pass. That bill would have set the rate at 1.85%. HB 1362 passed the House Departments & Agencies Subcommittee on Mar. 8, passed the State Government Committee on Mar. 15, and was referred to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee. The bill was set to be heard by the Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee on Mar. 22, but the committee postponed the hearing. Copies of the bills along with fiscal memos prepared for HB 1362 can be accessed on the Member Portal.	May 6 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Tennessee legislature.
TEXAS <i>(Sports)</i>	On May 11, HJR 102, a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment that would allow voters to decide on legalizing sports betting and HB 1942 (the enabling legislation) passed the House of Representatives. They now head to the Senate. HJR 97 (Green) are also before the Committee but have not been heard. As background, HJR 97 would a referendum in front of Texas voters to legalize land-based casinos and sports betting. Retail casino stakeholders support this measure. On Mar. 1, SB 715 (Kolkhorst) and SJR 39 (Kolkhorst) – which are identical to HB 1942 and HJR 102 – were referred to the Texas State Senate State Affairs Committee. On Feb. 15, SJR 17 (Alvarado) was assigned to the Senate State Affairs Committee. The resolution would create the Texas Gaming Commission and authorize casino gaming and retail sports wagering only.	May 29 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Texas legislature.

	Copies of the bills and resolutions can be accessed in the Member Portal .		
VERMONT (Sports)	On May 09, the Vermont House of Representatives concurred in the changes that the Senate made to the sports wagering bill. The bill now heads to Governor Phil Scott. It is anticipated that he will sign it. On May 3, the Senate passed HB 127 (Birong) with various amendments that do the following: - Alters the fee structure to bring in more money per operator, spread over multiple years. - Eliminates a cap on advertising, allowing the Department of Liquor and Lottery (DLL) to negotiate that with operators. - Bans advertising on college campuses. - Prohibits advertising on products marketed to those under the age 21. - Requires operators to submit an advertising plan as part of their application and contract with the DLL. - Adjusts revenue to the problem gambling fund. - Establishes a penalty for sportsbooks operating illegally in Vermont. As background, the bill would legalize up to six sports betting apps. While there is no current tax projection, the Governor's annual budget includes \$2.6 million of sports betting tax revenue. A copy of the bill and adopted amendments can be accessed in the Member Portal.		iDEA will monitor the activity of the Vermont legislature.

Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2023

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Opportunities
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MAINE <i>(Sports)</i>	It is anticipated that the Maine Gaming Control Unit (MGCU) will issue revised sports betting regulations in May (followed by another round of public comments) and that sports betting will not launch until 2024. Nevertheless, MGCU is currently accepting applications for licenses. 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. 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.	May – revised sports betting regulations to be issued 2024 – launch of sports betting	On Feb. 23, iDEA submitted a written letter on the proposed rules focusing on the taxation of promotions and bonuses and the onerous advertising restrictions. The letter can be accessed in the Member Portal. MGCU Director Milton Champion has commented that the advertising restrictions will not be significantly changed in the revised rules.
MASSACHUSETTS <i>(Sports)</i>	At its May 4 meeting, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) approved the Play Management Regulation, which requires operators to offer play management programs to patrons. The MGC determined that reminders to enroll into play management programs are to be given monthly. You can read more in the Member Portal.	May 25 - Expiration of branding waiver	iDEA will monitor the activity of the MGC.
NEW YORK <i>(Sports)</i>	On Feb. 27, the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) proposed an addendum to existing marketing rules to crack down on terms like “risk-free,” revenue share affiliate agreements, and advertising which could appeal to people under the age of 21. A copy of the proposed rules can be accessed in the Member Portal.		iDEA will monitor the activity of the NYSGC.

OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	This week, the Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC) announced that gift cards that have been reviewed by the OCCC are now an acceptable source of funding for sports gaming accounts. Operators must contact the OCCC regarding their use of a gift card product prior to marketing or using the product. More information is available in the Member Portal.	May 17 - next OCCC meeting	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the OCCC.
WASHINGTON <i>(Sports)</i>	On May 11, the Washington State Gambling Commission (WSGC) was prepared to accept a staff recommendation for a rule change decreasing the fee for major sports betting vendors to \$30,000, for mid-level vendors to \$5,000, and for ancillary vendors to \$2,000. The revised fees will go into effect on Jun. 15. More information can be found in the Member Portal.	Jun. 15 – effective date for new sports betting license fees	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.