

Priority States: Legislative Sports Betting 2024

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<p>DELAWARE</p>	<p>A bill (HB 365) to expand sports betting options has been introduced and could be up for a hearing on 05/22.</p> <p>The bill will permit the three state authorized racetrack casinos to have two mobile sports betting brands. Operators would be taxed at 18% and pay a \$500k 5-year license fee. There is a “hold harmless” provision in the bill to protect the horse tracks from losing money due to the expansion of mobile sports betting.</p> <p>Earlier this year, RSI took over the online gaming contract with the state lottery and began offering mobile sports betting for time. They are opposed to opening the market to additional competition.</p>	<p>May 22 – Hearing in the House Administrative Committee</p> <p>June 30 – Adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA plans to testify at the upcoming hearing.</p> <p>iDEA will be connecting with legislative leaders about the bill and how competition in the market will create a better consumer experience and ultimately more state revenues.</p>
<p>ILLINOIS</p>	<p>The legislature is close to finalizing a budget which includes increasing the current sports betting tax rate from 15% to 35%.</p> <p>There has been a concerted lobbying effort to discourage lawmakers from approving this dramatic tax hike, or find other revenue alternatives such as iGaming.</p>	<p>May 24 – Legislature set to adjourn, however, they can extend if a budget is not agreed upon.</p>	<p>Jeff Ifrah, authored an op-ed that ran in the largest newspaper covering the Illinois state capital. In the piece iDEA explains the unintended consequences of a tax increase and how it will create less market activity instead of more. Further, we advocate for iGaming as a more reliable revenue stream for the state.</p>
<p>MASSACHUSETTS</p>	<p>State Senator John Keenan has offered an amendment to the state budget to increase the sports betting tax rate to 51% (mimicking New York tax rate).</p>	<p>Vote on budget not yet scheduled.</p>	<p>iDEA has engaged state lawmakers about the amendment to build opposition to the tax increase.</p>

	<p>The budget currently resides with the Senate Ways and Means Committee where this amendment could be considered.</p> <p>Separately, the state is again considering authorizing online lottery. Some are seeking to add iGaming to the discussion.</p>		
MINNESOTA	<p>Progress has been made on a sports betting compromise, however the legislature must address two unrelated, but contentious, policy issues before getting to sports betting.</p> <p>The sports bill could be considered in the House as late as morning of 05/18 (Saturday) to still have enough time to pass in the Senate. We expect the legislature to be in very late the next two days in an attempt to finalize the these bills.</p>	May 20, 2024 – adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.
MISSOURI	<p>Proponents of mobile sports betting delivered more than 340,000 signatures so that it can be considered on the ballot this November. Once the signatures are certified by the Secretary of State, the constitutional amendment will be eligible to be voted on by the public.</p> <p>While there is not any announced organized opposition, we understand that some land-based casinos oppose this effort as it would extend the rights to offer gaming beyond the purview of existing licensed riverboat casinos.</p>		IDEA will actively monitor the progress of the ballot initiative and take proactive steps to secure public support for the 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>	May 31, 2024 - adjourns	IDEA will monitor the activity of the Oklahoma Legislature and Governor’s Office.

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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.
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 to engage 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 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. 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. 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	December 31, 2024-adjourns	iDEA continues to monitor the New Jersey Legislature.

	<p>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.