

Priority States: Legislative Sports Betting 2024

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
DELAWARE	<p>HB 365 will not advance out of the legislature this session.</p> <p>iDEA testified in support of the bill at a hearing earlier this year, as did other iDEA members. A copy of iDEA's testimony can be found on the Member Portal.</p>	June 30 – Adjournment	iDEA will continue to connect with legislative leaders to promote competition and prepare for the next legislative session.
District of Columbia (Washington DC)	<p>On 07/16 evening the Mayor returned the budget bill to the City Council permitting the law to go forward. As a result OSB operators were permitted to launch on 07/17. Currently three operators are live and we anticipate three additional operators to launch ahead of NFL.</p> <p>Jeff Ifrah recently met with Peter Alvarado and Antar Johnson of Washington DC's Office of Lottery and Gaming (OLG). A summary of the meeting is included in the following MEMO for iDEA members.</p>	August 15, 2024- Possible launch date for Class C licensees	iDEA is monitoring developments in DC and will relay them to membership.

<p>ILLINOIS</p>	<p>The legislature approved a new progressive tax rate for sports betting operators as part of the state’s budget. The Governor is expected to sign the bill. As we reported last week, the legislature ultimately settled on a progressive tax rate which imposes a higher tax rate when higher revenue thresholds are met.</p> <p>The structure is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First \$30 million in adjusted revenue taxed at 20% • Revenue between \$30-\$50 million: 25% Revenue between \$50 million and \$100 million: 30% • Revenue \$100 million to \$200 million: 35% • Revenue above \$200 million: 40% <p>The new budget also imposes a slightly higher tax on VLT operators, which was an unexpected addition to the budget.</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>NEBRASKA</p>	<p>Sports betting legislation did not advance to a floor vote before the end of the special session. Lawmakers have already stated their commitment to push a new bill in January when they return for the next legislative session.</p>		<p>iDEA will be engaging with state lawmakers on why the state should legalize mobile betting.</p>
<p>MISSOURI</p>	<p>On 09/05 a hearing was held in court on the legal challenge that was filed to keep sports betting legalization off the November voter ballot. The lawsuit is challenging the certification process of the signatures collected.</p> <p>After a contentious hearing, the judge did not dismiss the case, nor did he render a judgment. A decision could be made as soon as the afternoon of 09/06 and no later than Sept 10.</p>	<p>Sept 10 – deadline to change the ballot according to Secty. of State’s office</p> <p>November 5th – Election day!</p>	<p>iDEA will actively monitor the progress of the ballot initiative.</p>

MARYLAND	<p>On 08/29, the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Commission (MLGC) issued proposed new rules related to sports betting and DFS. The proposed rules, as well as summary of the OSB changes can be found on the iDEA Member Portal.</p> <p>The rules still need to be formally published in the Maryland Register for the 30 comment period to officially open. They were not included in the 09/06 Register, so the earliest they could be included is 09/20.</p>	09/20 – next chance for the rules to be included in the MD Register. Once published, there will be a 30 day comment period.	iDEA is monitoring these regulatory developments and will continue to update membership.
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Alberta, Canada	<p>The Alberta government continues to move towards a new competitive online gaming market. We understand that consultations with First Nations (Canadian Tribes) are currently underway. Working with these stakeholders will be critical to how quickly Alberta can launch.</p> <p>Alberta Ministry officials have indicated a desire to streamline regulations and licensing to have the market running before the end of the year. They are likely to accept the established Ontario scheme as their model and permit Ontario licensed entities to operate in the Alberta market.</p>	<p>Summer – Expected consultation from stakeholders on best practices.</p> <p>Nov/Dec – Possible launch of market.</p>	<p>iDEA is monitoring developments in Alberta. We are identifying opportunities to engage with the Province and the Minister's office either through the consultation process or directly.</p>
LOUISIANA	<p>iDEA met with staff for the Louisiana Senate Committee that will be conducting the i-Gaming Study Committee. The key takeaways are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The committee likely won't start to meet until after G2E. *The plan is to have only 2-3 meetings with the goal to conclude meetings this calendar year. *iDEA has been invited to testify. We were encouraged to work with our members to make sure that the testimony given by each individual entity provides a different perspective and isn't redundant/duplicative for the committee members. *At this point, it is unlikely that the study committee will provide a recommendation. Rather, the committee is 	<p>Study Committee likely will begin meetings after G2E.</p>	<p>iDEA is connecting with committee staff to see how iDEA can participate in the committee meetings, with the goal of providing expert testimony and information for the Committee to consider.</p>

	looking at providing a report with detailed information gained during the meetings.		
MARYLAND	<p>iDEA is working with local lobbyists and other stakeholders to build support for iGaming going into the 2025 session.</p> <p>On 06/17 we sponsored an event for MD Gov. Wes Moore. At the event we were able to speak directly with the Governor about the opportunity for iGaming to deliver significant tax revenue to the state.</p> <p>The state’s fiscal situation will require the legislature to find new revenue streams in 2025. To date, the Senate has resisted turning to expanded gambling and getting support from Senate Majority Leader Ferguson remains a high priority.</p>	August – MD Legislature Conference (Ocean City, MD)	<p>iDEA attended several events at the annual MaCo Conference on Aug 15.</p> <p>During the conference we were able to speak with the Speaker of the House, Chairwoman Atterbeary (iGaming bill sponsor last session) and the Senate President and his staff. The Senate President was an obstacle to advancing the bill last year (which passed the house and died in the Senate). His staff has committed to meet with us this Fall to discuss concerns and a possible path forward.</p> <p>Based on our conversations, Cordish (a casino property owner in MD) is still firmly opposed to iGaming expansion.</p>
NEW JERSEY	<p>This week, New Jersey lawmakers unveiled a state budget proposal for the 2025 fiscal year that does not include increased internet gaming tax revenue from sports betting and online casinos.</p> <p>Even though the tax increase wasn’t included in the budget, given what we have seen in other states, we expect to see continued activity in New Jersey around increasing the tax rate. iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the New Jersey Legislature.</p> <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</p>	December 31, 2024-adjourns	iDEA continues to monitor the New Jersey Legislature.

	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.		
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.
OHIO	<p>On 09/04 iGaming legislation was introduced in the Ohio Senate. A copy of SB 312 is available here.</p> <p>Based on all available intelligence this is not a serious bill, and did not have broad input from industry, and it has little chance of being considered during the "lame-duck" session. Further, the sponsor of the bill is term-limited at the end of this year, and will not be returning to the Senate next session.</p> <p>As we have shared previously, Ohio is a state of interest for iGaming, however, we don't foresee it being realistic until 2026+.</p>	November – lame duck session begins in Ohio after elections.	iDEA will continue to be a direct proponent of iGaming in Ohio. We have submitted testimony to the Future of Gaming Study Commission and communicate with relevant lawmakers on this issue.