

Legislative Updates: iGaming

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ILLINOIS	Lawmakers have committed to introduce iGaming legislation for the upcoming session. The state-regulated VGT industry continues to oppose iGaming and has influence with the legislature. However, one of the larger VGT operators is now an owner of a Racino and would be positioned to capitalize on iGaming. There is also discussion of a compromise iGaming bill, which would be limited to poker and table games, removing slot games which are viewed competitively by the VGTs. We also expect legislation related to the regulation of DFS to be introduced this session.	Session Starts: 01/08/25 Adourns: 05/31/25	iDEA is engaging with stakeholders and lawmakers ahead of the upcoming session. We have not engaged a lobbyist in the state.
LOUISIANA	iDEA testified at the Louisiana Senate Committee hearing on iGaming on 12/11 alongside other members, including Light & Wonder, Boyd, and Fanatics. Opposition also voiced their views, including representatives from Cordish (opening a casino in Louisiana next year), the Video Poker industry (a prominent stakeholder in the state), and The Campaign for Fairer Gambling. Following testimony from Cordish and the Video Poker representative, iDEA had the opportunity to refute their claims and highlight that Cordish is already a proud operator of online casinos in Pennsylvania. Read this for a recap of the hearing.	Session Starts – 04/14/25 Session Adjourns – 16/12/25	iDEA is working with lawmakers and other industry stakeholders to advance legislation during the legislative session which starts in April. We are following up with members of the Committee who participated in the 12/11 hearing with additional information and studies to help bolster iGaming.

	With the legislative session not starting until April, we have ample time to build on today's momentum and continue delivering our message. You can view the hearing here.		
MARYLAND	Legislation will again be introduced to authorize iGaming. Del. Atterbeary, who successfully passed her bill out of the House last year will again champion the measure. She has indicated that she intends to pass the same bill, but is willing to work with the Senate on changes they would make. The Senate President has not committed to support legislation this year, however, there continues to be growing budget pressures for the state and few areas where new revenues are available. We have actively engaged the Governor's office as well to secure his active support for iGaming as a budget item. Based on our conversations, Cordish (a casino property owner in MD) is still firmly opposed to iGaming expansion. Of note, if a bill passed in 2025 that required a ballot referendum, it would not go to the voters until 2026. There have been discussions on how to legally remove the ballot requirement, but there is no resolution to that matter.	Session Starts – 01/08/25 Adjourns – 04/07/25	iDEA is engaging with key lawmakers and building out messaging materials to help advance legislation this year.
NEW YORK	Senator Addabbo will be filing an iGaming bill again this session. Two major obstacles persist. The licensing of the downstate casinos is still far from happening, and will make it difficult to authorize	Session Starts – 01/08/25 Adjourns – 06/13/25	iDEA will monitor developments and continue our engagement with Senator Addabbo and other key lawmakers.

	iGaming, until there is more clarity on this process. Also, the hotel workers trade union continues to oppose iGaming, however, there continues to be negotiations to see if there are ways to divert iGaming revenue to support the labor union and get them away from opposing the bill.		
WYOMING	IDEA has retained a lobbyist in Wyoming. Our lobbyist is already coordinating with other lobbyists on strategy and outreach. With several new members to the Legislature, the focus will be on bringing them up to speed on this issue. We anticipate that the iGaming bill will be pre-filed within the next 30 days. It will look like last year's bill, but with a tax rate of 16% instead of 10%. Some tribes in the state have expressed concern over iGaming. The state gaming commission releases a study that looks at possible gaming expansion in the state, including iGaming. The study conducted by Spectrum Gaming, presents positive data about the impact of online gaming for the state. More info about the study can be found on the Member Portal.	Jan 14 – legislative session begins End of March – Session adjourns.	IDEA plans to be directly involved in Wyoming to help educate lawmakers and secure support for iGaming.

Legislative Updates: Sports Betting

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GEORGIA	The state will be a leading contender to pass a bill in 2025. Recently, the chairman of the lead house committee on this issue wrote an op-ed urging his fellow Republican lawmakers to support in this upcoming session. A law passed by the legislature would need to be ratified by the voters via a ballot referendum.	Session Starts: 01/13/25 Adjourns: 04/03/25	iDEA will continue to monitor activity.
MINNESOTA	At the end of the 2024 legislative session, there was a deal in place with stakeholders on a sports betting bill. We expect continued conversations and legislative action on sports betting to take place in Minnesota in 2025. Tribes have expressed an interest in getting a sports betting bill across the finish line. With the Legislature pretty much split 50/50, Republicans and Democrats, any sports betting bill that passes will need bipartisan support.	Session Start – 01/14/25 Session Adjourns – 05/19/25	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.
MISSISSIPPI	At the end of the 2024 legislative session, a sports betting bill died in a legislative conference committee when the conference committee members from the House and the Senate couldn't come to an agreement. We expect legislative action on sports betting in the 2025 legislative session. Some of the state's land-based casinos have been	Session Starts – 01/07/25 Adjourns – 04/04/25	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature.

	the biggest opponents to online sports expansion.		
NEBRASKA	Legislation was considered earlier this year, but did not pass. The Governor has expressed his support for mobile sports betting revenue to be used for property tax reduction. We anticipate bills will again be considered in the early part of 2025.	Session Starts: 01/08/25 Adjourns: 05/31/25	iDEA will be monitoring legislative activity.
TEXAS	In the last session (2023) the Texas House approved sports betting bill, however it was killed in the Senate where it was not supported by Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. While we expect sports betting legislation to be considered in the upcoming 2025 legislative session, Lt. Governor Patrick remains in office and has said he will not move off his opposition until a majority of Republican Senators come out in support of it. Further complicating the situation is the push to legalize land-based casinos. This has even less support than sports betting, however, some businesses who are advocating for it have said they would actively oppose sports betting, if casino legislation does not also advance.	Session Starts: 01/14/25 Adjourns: 06/02/25	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Texas Legislature.
WISCONSIN	The tribes in Wisconsin have expressed interest in offering state-wide mobile sports betting. There could be a legislative and/or administrative strategy (negotiation of compacts) during 2025.	Session Starts: 01/07/25 Adjourns; December 2025	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Wisconsin legislature.

iDEA Regulatory Advocacy

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MISSOURI	The law was certified by the Secretary of State and we do not anticipate a call for a recount. We understand that the gaming regulator is already working on draft rules, but has said that launch is not expected until Summer of 2025.	12/17 – Deadline to request recount Early 2025 – Release of draft regulations (est.) Spring 2025 – applications and license review process (est) Summer 2025 – Market launch	iDEA is engaging with the Missouri Gaming Commission to ensure our member company perspectives are heard during the regulatory process.
MARYLAND	On Monday, the rules to prohibit promo deductions for sports betting and retail casinos were published in the Maryland Register. This opens a 30 day comment window. We understand that lawmakers intend to put a hold on these rules in the new year, which will delay, but are not guaranteed to eliminate the proposals.	01/02 – comment deadline on rules published on 12/02	iDEA is monitoring these regulatory developments and will continue to update membership. We are evaluating the published rules to determine whether we will comment.
MICHIGAN	As we shared last week, bills were introduced that would increase the tax rate for sports and iGaming in Michigan. Our team has met with several lawmakers over the past week and while the sports/iGaming tax bills remain on the table, they are not a priority for leadership who are looking to other areas to raise revenue.		

	IDEA sent a letter to every Senator, sharing our concerns with any proposed tax increase. The sample letter is available on the Member Portal. The lame-duck session will continue into next week and our team on the ground in the capital continues to work to keep the bills from moving forward.		
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