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IDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2023

State	Current Status	Key Dates	IDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ILLINOIS (iGaming + Sports Amendment)	<p>The 2021-22 Illinois legislative session adjourned <i>sine die</i> on Jan. 10. The iDEA-initiated supplier renewal fee fix bill (SB 2973) passed the Senate, but House Executive Chairman Bob Rita did not call the bill for a hearing in the House. Rep. Rita has agreed to re-file the bill in the 2023 legislative that began on Jan. 11, but he has repeatedly expressed his preference to fix the supplier renewal fee in an omnibus gaming package.</p> <p>With respect to iGaming, it expected that Senate Executive Chairwoman Cristina Castro will file a bill in 2023 authorizing iGaming.</p>	<p>May 19 - adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to work with Chairman Rita in 2023 to adopt legislation – either as a standalone bill or as part of an omnibus gaming bill – fixing the supplier renewal fee. iDEA will also work with Chairwoman Castro to introduce and solicit her assistance in addressing the issue. iDEA will also continue its conversation with Gov. Pritzker’s office regarding the Administration’s budgetary concern with reducing the supplier renewal fee amount. In October, we sent a letter to Gov. Pritzker outlining why his office should support our supplier renewal fee fix bill. A copy of the letter is on the Member Portal.</p> <p>iDEA will also work with Chairwoman Castro to build support for an iGaming bill in the state. It is unlikely that the bill will pass in the 2023 regular session. Passage in 2024 (at the earliest) is more realistic.</p>
INDIANA (iGaming)	<p>The Indiana Legislature is officially in session. Rep. Ethan Manning’s iGaming bill, HB 1546, has not yet been publicly released. The language will likely be released in the next 24 hours.</p> <p>The i-Gaming bill will be heard in committee on Jan 24 (testimony) and amended and voted on Jan 31.</p> <p>See more on Indiana here.</p> <p>The preliminary draft has been released. A summary containing a brief synopsis, definitions, and key points is available in the Member Portal. The iGaming bill will start in the House, and Rep. Manning has been named Chairman of the House Public Policy Committee.</p>	<p>Jan. 24: - first hearing HB 1546 in House Public Policy Committee</p> <p>Jan. 31- HB 1546 to be amended and voted on</p> <p>Feb. 23 – House committee deadline</p> <p>Feb. 27 – House third reading deadline</p>	<p>This week, iDEA met with lead House sponsor Rep. Manning and lead Senate sponsor Sen. Jon Ford to finalize the introduced version of HB 1546.</p> <p>On Jan. 13, iDEA will meet with House Public Policy Committee member Rep. Peggy Mayfield to review polling results from her district.</p> <p>Over the next two weeks, iDEA will spend time with members of the House Public Policy committee to garner support for HB 1546.</p> <p>The iDEA team is working on an exclusive iDEA stakeholder meeting with Speaker Huston.</p>

		<p>Mar. 1-3 - Entire legislature takes a short break and bills change chambers. Bills that are introduced that have not passed one chamber at the mid-point are technically considered “dead” bills.</p> <p>Apr. 17 – Senate second reading deadline</p> <p>Apr. 18-27 - conference committees</p> <p>Apr. 27 - anticipated adjournment</p> <p>Apr. 29 - statutory sine die (official end of session)</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to work with key legislators and stakeholders to advance the i-Gaming bill.</p>
<p>**NEW** KENTUCKY <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>On Jan. 5, Kentucky State Reps. Derrick Graham, Cherlynn Stevenson and Rachel Roberts filed House Bill 106, which would authorize both retail and online/mobile sports betting, daily fantasy sports and online poker. More background information can be accessed in the Member Portal (need link).</p>	<p>Apr. 13 –adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Missouri legislature.</p>

<p>MISSOURI <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>A third and fourth bill to allow sports betting in Missouri have been filed. State Rep. Dan Houx filed HB 556 and State Rep. Phil Christofanelli filed HB 581. Both bills impose a 10% tax rate, and sportsbooks would not be required to use official league data. Neither bill proposes any regulation for video lottery terminals. Copies of the bill and more background information can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p> <p>As previously reported, two Missouri legislators have pre-filed two separate sports betting bills for the 2023 legislative session, which began on Jan. 4. Sen. Denny Hoskins pre-filed SB 1 to legalize sports wagering and allow video lottery terminals (VLTs) to operate while Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer pre-filed SB 30 which authorizes sports wagering. More background and links to the bills can be found on the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Apr. 10 –adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Missouri legislature.</p>
<p>NEW YORK <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>Senator Addabbo (D) was re-elected and will remain chairman of the Senate gaming committee. Democrats will maintain control of both chambers, but Republicans made gains. In NY, Republican lawmakers have tended to be more favorable to gaming expansion.</p> <p>After his election Senator Addabbo told media, "First and foremost, we'll look at iGaming. That's the priority at this point."</p> <p>Senator is hoping to tie iGaming to the state's budget; however, we expect that to be difficult to achieve unless the Governor's office is 100 percent on board. Newly elected Gov. Hochul (who replaced the ousted Cuomo) has not taken a public position on iGaming.</p> <p>On Nov. 30, Sen. Peter Harckham sponsored S9605 to amend the "racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law." The proposed legislation calls for the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) "to promulgate rules and regulations regarding predatory sportsbook bonuses in mobile sports betting, including but not limited to, deposit matching, risk-free betting, free money, free bets, site credits, and profit boosts." More background and a link to the bill be found in the Member Portal.</p>		<p>John Pappas met with Senator Addabbo this fall to discuss the future prospects of iGaming.</p> <p>We are providing input on his legislation from earlier this year so it can be prepared for introduction before session which begins in January.</p> <p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the New York legislature.</p>

NORTH DAKOTA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On January 3, North Dakota Rep. Greg Stemen filed House Concurrent Resolution 3002 to amend the state constitution — which requires a public vote — to "authorize sports betting to be conducted in the state and licensed and regulated by the state." If approved by the legislature, the measure would be voted upon in the November 2024 general election. On January 10, the House Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the measure. The committee recommended against passage, but the resolution is expected to nevertheless get a vote on the House floor. A copy of the resolution and more background can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	Apr. 28 - adjournment	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the North Dakota legislature.</p>
OKLAHOMA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Dec. 29, Oklahoma State Rep. Ken Luttrell pre-filed House Bill 1027, setting it on the legislature's schedule to be introduced on Feb. 6. 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. A copy of the bill and more background information can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	Feb. 6 – HB 1027 to be introduced	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Oklahoma legislature.</p>
SOUTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On December 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. More background and links to the bills can be found in the Member Portal.</p>	May. 11 – adjournment	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the South Carolina legislature.</p>
TEXAS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Nov. 14, Sen. Carol Alvarado pre-filed the first TX sports betting ahead of the session that starts Jan. 10, 2023. The resolution, SJR 17, would create the Texas Gaming Commission, and authorize casino gaming and retail sports wagering only. Online sports betting legislation will be filed by Rep. Dan Huberty. More background and links to the bills can be found in the Member Portal.</p>	May 29 - adjournment	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Texas legislature.</p>
VERMONT <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>Earlier this year, the Vermont legislature approved a Sports Betting Study Committee. The Committee met throughout the fall with the goal of issuing recommendations to the legislature as it considers sports betting legislation in 2023. The Committee finalized its report on December 13, and the report can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	May 29 - adjournment	<p>On Nov. 21, iDEA submitted written testimony to the Committee. iDEA's written testimony focused on the importance of a competitive market, reasonable tax rates and appropriate supplier licensing. A copy of the letter is on the Member Portal.</p> <p>We will monitor the legislature in 2023 as it considers sports betting.</p>

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OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Dec. 23, the Ohio Casino Control Commission scolded but did not take action against sports betting operators accused of not following advertising rules a week ahead of the official launch of legal wagering. The OCCC’s message and more background information can be also accessed in the Member Portal.</p> <p>As of Dec. 8, there were 3,980 sports betting license applications pending with the Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC). 16 online sportsbooks had been approved before the OCCC’s Dec. 14 meeting, the OCCC approved four more operators at its Dec. 14 meeting, and about two dozen could go live on Jan. 1.</p>		iDEA continues to engage with the OCCC on matters related to rulemaking and the launch of mobile sports betting.
NEW MAINE <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On January 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 on the Member Portal. MGCU will hold a public hearing on the proposed rules on January 31, and the deadline for public comment is March 3.</p>	<p>Jan. 31 – public hearing on proposed rules</p> <p>Mar. 3 – public comment deadline for proposed rules</p>	iDEA continues to engage with the MGCU on matters related to rulemaking and the launch of mobile sports betting.
MARYLAND <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Oct. 27, the Maryland Lottery approved a total of 21 sports wagering applicants: 10 master licensees, 10 operators and one Class B retail.</p> <p>We understand that several mobile and Class B applications (outside of those approved on Oct. 27) are currently under consideration. Those will be approved on a rolling basis by the MD Lottery and then sent to SWARC for approvals.</p> <p>On Nov. 16, SWARC approved the issuance of the 10 master licenses, but did not act on the Class B retail approved the MD Lottery (the 10 operators approved by MD Lottery do not need SWARC approval). SWARC also noted that there were 11 remaining master license applications and 6 remaining Class B retail applications (which includes the one approved by the MD Lottery). The MD Lottery will next conduct a controlled demo of the approved applicant’s platform to ensure the meet the technical/regulator</p>	<p>Jan. 18 – next regular meeting of SWARC</p>	iDEA continues to monitor activity of the SWARC and MD Lottery and communicates with these bodies as needed.

	<p>standards. Once that is concluded, the operators will be issued their license and cleared to launch.</p> <p>On Nov. 23, the MD Lottery launched sports wagering.</p> <p>On Dec. 1., the MD Lottery approved four additional sports wagering applicants: 2 master licensees and 2 operators. On Dec. 14, SWARC approved the issuance of the 2 master licenses and Class B retail.</p>		
MASSACHUSETTS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>This week, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) continued its review of operator license applications. The Commission will begin to vote on untethered Cat. 3 applicants on Jan. 18.</p> <p>The Commission held a discussion on the permitted sports betting catalog. A vote on the final permitted sports betting catalog will take place on Jan. 20.</p> <p>The Commission voted that it has the authority to allow or disallow operators to deduct promo play. The vote was 3-2. More discussion will take place at a later Commission meeting to determine if deductions are allowed.</p> <p>The Commission announced the appointment of Bruce Band to lead the Commission's newly established Sports Wagering Division.</p> <p>The Commission announced that retail sports betting would launch on Jan. 31 with retail expected to follow suit in early March.</p>	<p>Jan. 16 – retail sports betting kiosk software testing</p> <p>Jan. 18 – commission begins to vote on untethered Cat. 3 applicants</p> <p>Jan. 20 - commission vote on final permitted sports betting catalog</p> <p>Jan. 27 – retail sports betting certificates of operations awarded</p> <p>Jan. 30 – retail sports betting soft launch</p> <p>Jan. 31 - official retail sports betting launch</p> <p>Early Mar. -Launch of retail betting</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the MGC.</p>
PENNSYLVANIA <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>On Dec. 27, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) announced that it is reopening the application period for qualified gaming entities (QGE) in the state. From Jan. 3 until Mar.</p>	<p>Jan. 23-Mar. 3 – re-opened application period for QGE's</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the PGCB</p>

	<p>3 operators can submit petitions for one of three different certificates available for online casinos. These QGEs differ from regular iGaming licenses because they don't require any ties to a land-based casino. The announcement and more background information can be accessed on the Member Portal.</p>		
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