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iDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2023

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ILLINOIS <i>(iGaming + Sports Amendment)</i>	<p>In a surprising development last week, Illinois House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch created a Gaming Committee for the new legislative session and named Rep. Daniel Didech as the Chairman. More background can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p> <p>This development could be a very positive development for iDEA and iGaming prospects in Illinois. The “gatekeeper” for gaming legislation in the House has traditionally been House Executive Committee Chairman Bob Rita, who has usually blocked efforts to move legislation until becoming comfortable with a package of issues covered in an omnibus bill. This is how Illinois enacted sports betting in 2019 and a variety of reforms, including dropping in person registration, in late 2021. But after initially passing the Senate in 2022, the iDEA initiative to fix the supplier renewal fee was blocked by Chairman Rita in the House. The creation of the House Gaming Committee under Chairman Didech’s leadership raises questions about Chairman Rita’s historical role as the House gaming “gatekeeper” and his ability to unilaterally block gaming legislation.</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 and its Illinois lobbyist have a strong relationship with Chairman Didech. Given this week’s developments, iDEA will meet with the Chairman to discuss the supplier bill and seek clarity as to how gaming issues will now be handled in the House. This week’s changes create an opportunity for the supplier bill to pass as a standalone bill – as originally hoped – instead of waiting for an omnibus package.</p> <p>Chairman Rita being less involved could be helpful not only with respect to the supplier bill, but also with respect to iGaming legalization in Illinois. Chairman Rita is very close with the video gaming industry, which is the strongest opponent to iGaming legalization. In previous meetings with iDEA, however, Chairman Didech has expressed support for iGaming. In fact, he volunteered to be part of efforts to help educate and persuade his colleagues on the issue. When we meet with Chairman Didech, we will revisit iGaming and discuss opportunities – at least initially – for a subject matter hearing on iGaming.</p> <p>iDEA is meeting with Chairwoman Castro on Jan. 24 to build support for the supplier bill and iGaming.</p> <p>It is unlikely that iGaming will pass in the 2023 regular session. Passage in 2024 (at the earliest) is more realistic.</p>
INDIANA <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>State Rep. Ethan Manning’s iGaming bill, HB 1536 has been filed. A copy of the bill along with an accompanying fiscal note can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Feb. 7 – potential committee hearing</p> <p>Feb. 23 – House committee deadline</p>	<p>The iDEA team conducted productive members of the House Public Policy Committee this week.</p> <p>The iDEA team is working on an exclusive iDEA stakeholder meeting with Speaker Huston.</p>

	Chairman Manning has postponed a committee hearing on HB 1536, originally scheduled for Jan. 24, so that he can address issues with rural communities and video gaming terminals (VGT's). We will inform members when we're made aware of the new date.	<p>Feb. 27 – House third reading deadline</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>	iDEA will continue to work with key legislators and stakeholders to advance the i-Gaming bill.
KENTUCKY <i>(Sports)</i>	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. Background information can be accessed in the Member Portal . We anticipate that State Rep. Michael Meredith, a member of the majority, will also be filing sports betting legislation in early February.	Apr. 13 –adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Missouri legislature.
NEW MARYLAND <i>(iGaming)</i>	On Jan. 25, State Senators Ron Watson and Nancy King filed Senate Bill 267 to legalize online gaming in Maryland, have it be run by video lottery operators and submit the issue to a voter referendum in the November 2024 general election. The bill can be accessed in the Member Portal .	Apr. 10 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Maryland legislature.
NEW MASSACHUSETTS <i>(Sports)</i>	State Sen. John Keenan has filed Bill SD. 766 that would make sportsbooks subject to Massachusetts deceptive advertising laws. More information is available in the Member Portal .		iDEA will monitor the activity of the Massachusetts legislature.

MISSISSIPPI <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Jan. 16, State Rep. Casey Eure filed House Bill 606 to legalize online sports betting in Mississippi. Under the bill, which was referred to the House Gaming Committee, land-based casinos in the state would be permitted to partner with one online operator each. Online betting would be taxed at the same rates as retail betting. A copy of the bill and more background information can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	Apr. 3 - adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Mississippi legislature.
MISSOURI <i>(Sports)</i>	<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>	Apr. 10 –adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Missouri legislature.
NEW HAMPSHIRE <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>On Jan. 5, State Sen. Timothy Lang filed Senate Bill 104-FN-A to authorize online gaming in New Hampshire and direct the net proceeds to a community college education scholarship fund. A copy of the bill and the hearing notice can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p> <p>On Jan. 25, the Senate Ways and Means Committee chaired by Sen. Lang conducted a hearing on Senate Bill 104-FN-A. No vote was taken on the measure, but a representative from Churchill Downs testified in opposition on the basis that online gaming would cannibalize existing retail gaming locations in the state.</p>	Jan. 3 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the New Hampshire legislature.

<p>NEW YORK <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>On Jan. 17, an aide for Sen. Joseph Addabbo said that he hoped to file his iGaming bill for 2023 sometime this week, but we have not yet seen a bill filed.</p> <p>As background, Sen. Addabbo remains chairman of the Senate Gaming Committee. Democrats control both chambers, but Republicans made gains. In NY, Republican lawmakers have tended to be more favorable to gaming expansion.</p> <p>Sen. Addabbo is hoping to tie iGaming to the state’s budget, but we expect that to be difficult to achieve unless the Governor’s office is 100 percent on board. Gov. Hochul 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>iDEA will monitor the activity of the New York legislature.</p>
<p>NORTH DAKOTA <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>On Jan. 12, the North Dakota House of Representatives passed legislation to legalize sports betting in the state (HCR 3002) on a 49-44 vote. The measure now heads to the Senate. If approved by the Senate, the measure would be voted upon in the November 2024 general election. iDEA previously reported on this bill in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Apr. 28 – adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the North Dakota legislature.</p>
<p>OKLAHOMA <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<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>	<p>Feb. 6 – HB 1027 to be introduced</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Oklahoma legislature.</p>

SOUTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>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. More background and links to the bills can be found in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>May. 11 – adjournment</p>	<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>	<p>May 29 - adjournment</p>	<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 Dec. 13, and the report can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>May 29 - adjournment</p>	<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>	<p>Feb. 15 – next regular OCCC meeting</p>	<p>iDEA continues to engage with the OCCC on matters related to rulemaking and the launch of mobile sports betting.</p>

MAINE <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>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. MGCU will hold a public hearing on the proposed rules on Jan. 31, and the deadline for public comment is Mar. 3.</p>	<p>Jan. 31 – public hearing on proposed rules</p> <p>Mar. 3 – public comment deadline for proposed rules</p>	<p>The iDEA Legislative Committee met on Jan. 19 to discuss the proposed rules and has directed the advocacy team to submit written comments on the rules. We are in the process of drafting this letter.</p>
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 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>	<p>Feb. 15 – next regular SWARCC meeting</p>	<p>iDEA continues to monitor activity of the SWARC and MD Lottery and communicate with these bodies as needed.</p>
MASSACHUSETTS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Massachusetts Gaming Commission took several actions this week, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approving the Sports Wagering Advertising regulation. 	<p>Jan. 30 – retail sports betting soft launch</p> <p>Jan. 31 - official retail sports betting launch</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the MA Gaming Commission.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussing but tabling the Play Management regulation, which would require sports wagering operators to maintain play management programs allowing individuals to set sports wagering limits. - Discussing a potential revision to the Temporary Prohibition from Sports Wagering regulation to allow individuals to choose whether to be notified that their temporary prohibition period is expiring; and - Approving the Sports Wagering Events Catalog. <p>The regulations and more background information can be accessed in the the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Early March-Launch of retail betting</p>	
<p>PENNSYLVANIA <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<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. 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 in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Jan. 23-Mar. 3 – re-opened application period for QGE's</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the PGCB</p>