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Priority States: Legislative iGaming 2024

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
LOUISIANA	iDEA anticipates legislative activity in Louisiana in 2024.	Mar 11, 2024 – session convenes June 3, 2024 -- adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Louisiana Legislature. We are considering hiring a local lobbyist.
MAINE	Jan. 29-The Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee will be holding a work session on LD 1777. (Work sessions are less formal proceedings than public hearings and are held primarily for the purpose of committee deliberation and voting on bills and other committee matters and for working with committee analysts.) You can read a copy of the bill here .	Jan. 29-Work Session for LD 1777 April 17, 2024-adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Maine Legislature.
MARYLAND	Senate Budget and Tax held a briefing this week; Innovation Group explained their study. Potential cannibalization and job loss continue to be areas of concern for some lawmakers. House lawmakers plan to cross-file a bill, which can be amended to address concerns. The House is the chamber where the legislation will first move. At this moment, the Senate is not as supportive as the House. Senator Watson bill is still on hold as stakeholders provide input.	Apr 8, 2024 -- adjourns	iDEA met with the Speaker’s staff to discuss possible tax structures and other considerations for bill. The Speaker is taking an active role in what the House will consider. Chairwoman Atterbury could be the lead house sponsor and we are engaging with her office as well. Team is developing concepts that could address lawmakers' equity and inclusion priorities. Must strike balance between what will earn support of key lawmakers, but also be constitutional. Conducting a focused analysis of PA iGaming/retail market to show it will not harm land-based casinos in MD. Finalizing cannibalization study from Eilers.

NEW JERSEY	<p>iDEA continues to actively monitor the potential of a gaming tax increase and is working closely with various stakeholders.</p> <p>NJ's Speaker of the House is considering a gaming tax increase. iDEA is actively working to persuade the Speaker otherwise. The New Jersey Gaming Association is also aware of what the Speaker is considering.</p>	<p>Jan. 09, 2024-session convenes</p> <p>December 31, 2024-session adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor activity of the New Jersey Legislature.</p>
NEW YORK	<p>Senator Addabbo has introduced his iGaming bill. A full breakdown of his proposal can be found on the Member Portal.</p> <p>Major headwinds for the bill since the Governor did not include it in her budget and also the recent union opposition. See story here. Unlikely this bill can move a standalone, however, there will be attempts to tie the revenue from iGaming to the final budget.</p>	<p>Jan 16 – Gov budget released</p>	<p>iDEA engaging with Addabbo and other lawmakers. Seeking opportunity to testify at a hearing in the future.</p>

Priority States: Legislative Sports Betting 2024

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ALABAMA	We anticipate legislative activity in Alabama in 2024 which will include a comprehensive gambling bill to include brick and mortar casinos, state run lottery and mobile sports betting. Alabama is one of the few US states without a state lottery. At this time land-based casinos are tribal only.	Feb 6, 2024 – session convenes May 20, 2024 – adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Alabama Legislature.
GEORGIA	<p>A new bill was introduced this week, which removes the need for a constitutional amendment by placing regulatory oversight with the lottery. We anticipate a hearing on this bill next week and a full Senate vote as soon as week following. Link to the bill and analysis is available on the Member Portal.</p> <p>Early momentum for this bill is a good sign, however, we are cognizant that, as in previous years, larger political issues between republicans and democrats could undo any opportunity to pass a sports wagering bill. This is magnified during what is expected to be a contentious election year.</p>	<p>Week Jan 28 – Hearing on SB 386 expected.</p> <p>Week of Feb 4 – Possible full Senate vote</p> <p>March 28, 2024 – adjourns</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Georgia Legislature.
MINNESOTA	<p>Senator Jeremy Miller announced his version of an updated sports betting bill (draft here).</p> <p>Some key components are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% tax rate • Licensing opportunities for Minnesota’s 11 tribal nations to offer retail and mobile sports betting. License holders would also have the option to operate retail betting on the premises of horse racing tracks or professional sports stadiums in Minnesota, pursuant to a partnership agreement. <p>The bill will be formally introduced on Feb 12, the first day of Minnesota’s legislative session. We expect multiple</p>	<p>Feb 12, 2024 – session convenes</p> <p>May 20, 2024 – adjourns</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.

	versions of sports betting bills to be discussed. Ultimately, negotiations between the tribes and the tracks are going to determine the final bill.		
MISSISSIPPI	<p>With the session underway, we anticipate that several bills related to sports wagering will be introduced. The key bill will be sponsored by Rep. Eure, who led the Mobile sports betting task force. It appears that the House leadership will be supportive. Getting the Senate on board and supportive will be the key.</p> <p>The Mississippi Mobile-Online Sports Betting Task Force released their report, which will serve as the basis for potential legislation that would permit statewide mobile sports wagering. The wide ranging report touches on several key issues including best practices for deploying mobile betting and estimated economic impact. The report includes views both in support and opposition to mobile wagering. You can view the full report here.</p>	<p>Jan 3, 2024 - session convenes</p> <p>May 5, 2024 – adjourns</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature. Rep. Eure has indicated he will introduce legislation in the early part of the session.
MISSOURI	<p>House hearing was held this week on HB2331. Lawmakers have conceded that a bill may pass the House (again) but that it will not pass the Senate. The hearing reaffirmed that a ballot initiative is the only likely path forward for sports betting legalization.</p> <p>Missouri sports teams and some mobile operators have announced they will push for a ballot initiative that would bypass the legislature and take the question about sports betting directly to the voters. Here is a link to the petition language.</p> <p>Land based casino operators are not supportive of the ballot measure and have concerns that it would expand gaming to other entities (ie sports teams), where they currently have exclusivity.</p>	<p>May 8, 2024 – Signatures due to be eligible for the ballot. Must collect over 171,000.</p> <p>May 17, 2024 -- legislature adjourns</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Missouri Legislature and also the progress of the ballot measure.

OKLAHOMA	<p>A bill has been filed that would legalize sports betting. The bill, Senate Bill 1434, filed by Senator Murdock, closely aligns with the proposal that OK Governor Kevin Stitt previously announced. You can read a copy of the bill here.</p> <p>OK Governor Kevin Stitt announced his proposal for sports betting. The proposal will have retail sports betting conducted by federally recognized Oklahoma tribes.</p> <p>The tax rate will be 15%. Tribal sports betting will be pursuant to a state-tribal gaming compact. Online sports betting will be offered by licensed sports betting operators.</p> <p>Operators would pay an initial licensing fee of \$500,000 and be required to pay an annual licensing fee of \$100,000. The tax rate will be 20%.</p> <p>A fact sheet on the Governor’s proposal here.</p>	<p>Feb. 05, 2024 - session convenes</p> <p>May 31, 2024 - adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Oklahoma Legislature and Governor’s Office.</p>
SOUTH CAROLINA	<p>We anticipate legislative activity in South Carolina in 2024.</p>	<p>Jan 9, 2024 – session convenes</p> <p>May 9, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the South Carolina Legislature.</p>

Priority States: Regulatory 2024

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NORTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Commission announced Mar. 11, 2024 @ Noon as the official launch date for sports wagering. Pre-registration, and account funding can begin on March 1 @ Noon. However, all approved operators will need to undergo testing and receive their certificate of compliance before they can register players or accept wagers. For additional details you can view the Commission's announcement.</p> <p>The law/regs permit the Commission to grant suppliers provisional licenses. We anticipate that those license awards will be announced next month.</p>	<p>Feb 7 – Full Commission meeting scheduled</p> <p>Mar 1 – Pre-registration</p> <p>March 11 – Launch date</p>	<p>We are continuing to monitor the regulatory and licensing process. We anticipate that additional information impacting the market will be released in the coming weeks and we will analyze and share through the Portal.</p>