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IDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2023

State	Current Status	Key Dates	IDEA Engagement / Opportunities
<p>**NEW** GEORGIA <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>On Jan. 31, 11 Georgia State Senators filed SB 57 to legalize sports betting. The bill would allow the Georgia Lottery Corporation to issue 18 sports betting licenses; nine to professional sports teams or their preferred online sports betting provider and nine that we believe will be untethered. The tax rate would be 20%. A copy of the bill and more background information can be accessed in the Member Portal. It was anticipated that Georgia State Rep. Ron Stephens would also be filing sports betting legislation this week, but we have not yet seen a bill filed.</p>	<p>Mar. 30 - adjournment</p>	<p>IDEA will monitor the activity of the Georgia legislature.</p>
<p>ILLINOIS <i>(iGaming + Sports Amendment)</i></p>	<p>On Jan. 31, Sen. Cristina Castro filed SB 323, this year's continued effort to pass the supplier renewal fee fix bill. Sen. Castro chairs the Senate Executive Committee, which handles all gaming legislation in the Senate. A copy of the bill can be accessed in the Member Portal. A House version of the bill will be filed by Rep. Bob Rita sometime this week.</p> <p>We have also confirmed that Sen. Castro intends to file an iGaming bill this year. The current draft of the bill can be accessed in the Member Portal. As Illinois moves through this year's budget process, there is a possibility that the Pritzker Administration may be looking for additional revenue and that iGaming legalization could be given more serious consideration this year than originally anticipated.</p> <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>Mar. 10 – House and Senate committee deadline</p> <p>May 19 - adjournment</p>	<p>IDEA's Illinois lobbyist met with Sen. Castro on Jan. 31 to secure her sponsorship of SB 323 and to discuss iGaming prospects.</p> <p>On January 31, IDEA's Illinois lobbyist also met newly appointed House Gaming Committee Chairman Daniel Didech to discuss SB 323. Chairman Didech agreed to serve as the lead House sponsor of SB 323, and he asked IDEA to speak with a few additional members of the Committee about the bill. We are in the process of arranging these meetings. We did not spend a lot of time discussing iGaming with Chairman Didech (because the focus of the meeting was SB 323), but we believe he will be much more supportive of iGaming than other House members with whom we have worked in the past.</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</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>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>
<p>INDIANA <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>As was referenced last week, HB1536 seemed to be on the rocks while VGT interests threatened to derail the bill. This week, the iDEA team received notification from Representative Manning that after several conversations with his committee members and with House Republican leadership, he has opted not to hear HB1536 this year. Rep. Manning indicated that his caucus leadership did not express support for local revenue distribution solutions that would have ameliorated concerns from some Public Policy Committee Republicans.</p> <p>Given recent controversies, there seems to be little support from the Chairman in moving his bill at present. Republican public policy committee members have publicly shared that the legislation deserves its justice in the public policy process for all sides to be heard. There's some indication that the Speaker may not be favorable to the bill. Indiana iDEA is working diligently to</p>	<p>Feb. 23 – House committee deadline</p> <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>The iDEA team is working on an exclusive iDEA stakeholder meeting with Speaker Huston.</p> <p>iDEA continues to work with key legislators and stakeholders to advance the i-Gaming bill.</p>

	<p>figure out a palatable and productive path forward on the issue. Rest assured, much can change in the remaining months of session.</p> <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>Apr. 29 - statutory sine die (official end of session)</p>	
<p>KENTUCKY <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>On Jan. 5, Kentucky State Reps. Derrick Graham, Cherlynn Stevenson and Rachel Roberts filed HB 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.</p>	<p>Apr. 13 – adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Kentucky legislature.</p>
<p>MARYLAND <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>On Jan. 25, State Senators Ron Watson and Nancy King filed SB 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.</p>	<p>Feb. 15 – committee hearing for SB 267</p> <p>Apr. 10 – adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Maryland legislature.</p>
<p>MASSACHUSETTS <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>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.</p>		<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Massachusetts legislature.</p>
<p>**NEW** MINNESOTA <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>We anticipate that State Rep. Zach Stephenson and State Sen. Jeremy Miller will be filing legislation to legalize sports betting in Minnesota, but we have not yet seen bills filed.</p>	<p>May. 22 - adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Minnesota legislature.</p>

MISSISSIPPI <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Jan. 16, State Rep. Casey Eure filed HB 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>We have learned that the Missouri House may hold a hearing on sports betting on February 8. We are working to get more information.</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>	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 SB 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 SB 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> <p>Notwithstanding the opposition from Churchill Downs, we believe SB 104-FN-A may still be viable.</p>	Jan. 3 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the New Hampshire legislature.

<p>NEW YORK <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>On Jan. 31, the New York Senate Racing, Gaming, and Wagering Committee and the Assembly Racing and Wagering Committee conducted a joint subject matter hearing on mobile sports betting. Operators testified on the need to lower the state's 51% tax rate. On Jan. 17, Sen. Joseph Addabbo filed S.1962 that would tie a reduction in the tax rate to an increase in the number of operators. Under the legislation, the tax rate would be lowered to 50% if there are 10-12 operators, 35% if there are 13-14 operators and 25% if there are 15+ operators. A copy of the bill, a link to view the hearing and more background information on the hearing and S.1962 can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p> <p>On February 1, Gov. Kathy Hochul unveiled her 2024 executive budget, but the legalization of iGaming was not included. We nevertheless expect Sen. Joseph Addabbo to file an iGaming legalization bill sometime this month.</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>Jun. 8 - adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the New York legislature.</p>

NORTH DAKOTA <i>(Sports)</i>	<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>	Apr. 28 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the North Dakota legislature.
OKLAHOMA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Dec. 29, Oklahoma State Rep. Ken Luttrell pre-filed HB 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	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Oklahoma legislature.
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. The bill and more background info can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p>	May. 11 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the South Carolina legislature.
TEXAS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Nov. 14, Sen. Carol Alvarado pre-filed sports betting legislation. The resolution, SJR 17, would create the Texas Gaming Commission, and authorize casino gaming and retail sports wagering only. The bill and more background info can be accessed in the Member Portal. We anticipate that an online sports betting bill will be filed before the legislature's Mar. 9 bill filing deadline.</p>	May 29 - adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Texas legislature.
VERMONT <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Jan. 31, State Rep. Matthew Birong filed H. 127 to legalize online sports betting in Vermont. The bill was referred to the House Government Operations and Military Affairs Committee. A copy of the bill and more background information can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p> <p>Last 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</p>	May 29 - adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Vermont legislature.

	finalized its report on Dec. 13, and the report can be accessed in the Member Portal .		
NEW VIRGINIA <i>(Sports)</i>	On Jan. 31, two bills in Virginia that would reinstate sports betting promotional deductions – SB 1142 and HB 2202 – passed out of committee. Copies of the bills and background information can be found in the Member Portal .	Feb. 25 - adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Virginia Legislature.

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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>	Feb. 15 – next regular OCCC meeting	iDEA continues to engage with the OCCC on matters related to rulemaking and the launch of mobile sports betting.
MAINE <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Jan. 31, the Maine Gambling Control Unit (MGCU) held a public hearing on its proposed sports betting regulations. Strong opposition was directed toward the advertising rules (Chapter 64). The Maine Association of Broadcasters (supported by the National Association of Broadcasters) testified that the restrictions were illegal, unreasonable, inequitable, and unfeasible. It was strongly inferred that adoption of the rules as proposed would lead to significant litigation that the broadcasters would likely win on First Amendment grounds. The particular provisions opposed by the broadcasters were the 10-day review provision, the celebrities/entertainers/athletes prohibition, the</p>	Mar. 3 – public comment deadline for proposed rules	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>bonuses/promotions advertising prohibition, and commercials being restricted to during live sporting events and only on the stations broadcasting the events. A link to the hearing and more background information can be accessed in the Member Portal.</p> <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. The deadline for public comment is Mar. 3.</p>		
<p>MARYLAND <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<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>
<p>MASSACHUSETTS <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>Retail sports betting launched this week in Massachusetts. The timeline for the launch of mobile sports betting remains early March.</p>	<p>Early March - launch of retail betting</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the MGC.</p>

	<p>The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) also shortened the duration between geolocation checks from 30 minutes to 20 minutes.</p> <p>The MGC took several actions last week, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approving the Sports Wagering Advertising regulation. - 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 Member Portal.</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. 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>Feb. 22 – PGCB meeting</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the PGCB</p>
NEW WASHINGTON <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On Jan. 5, the staff of the Washington State Gambling Commission (WSGC) recommended that the WSGC initiate rulemaking to re-examine sports wagering vendor and other license fees. Copies of the recommendations can be accessed here and here.</p>	<p>Feb. 9 – WSGC meeting</p>	<p>iDEA will be working with the Legislative Committee to determine next steps as a result of these recommendations.</p>