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IDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	IDEA Engagement / Opportunities
<p>ILLINOIS <i>(iGaming + Sports Amendments)</i></p>	<p>On 02/25, SB 2973, the supplier licensing fee correction bill, passed the full Senate unanimously. The bill now moves to the House. The lead sponsor will be House Executive Chairman Bob Rita, who is the gatekeeper for all gaming related matters in that chamber.</p> <p>SB 2973 is an IDEA led initiative and if enacted will result in considerable cost saving for IDEA members who are licensed sports wagering suppliers in the state.</p> <p>A video update when the bill was passed out of Committee is available on the member portal.</p> <p>A copy of the bill is available on the member portal.</p>	<p>04/08/22 – Target adjournment date</p>	<p>IDEA is starting conversations in the House regarding the supplier bill. We recent sent this letter to Rep. Bob Rita, however, he has not yet indicated whether he plans to move a bill before they adjourn in April. Some have speculated that he might wait to pass an omnibus gaming bill during the veto session in November.</p> <p>Working with other stakeholders we are seeking to create an “iGaming Caucus” made up of state lawmakers who will be champions for it in the legislature.</p> <p>We are looking to organize a iDEA iGaming briefing for key lawmakers later this session – COVID issues have limited the ability/desire to conduct in-person meetings/briefings.</p>
<p>INDIANA <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>As of 03/04, the iGaming bill has not passed either chamber, due to the opposition of the Senate pro tempore, which he has claimed stems from ongoing uncertainty surrounding other (casino-related) criminal matters that have been lingering in IN for the last several years.</p> <p>Last week amendment language was added to two bills (HB 1002 and SB 376) that would specifically prohibit the Hoosier Lottery from offering iLottery (amongst other things) without legislative approval. This stems from ongoing tension between the General Assembly and the Executive branch (specifically the Governor’s office), and an effort by the legislature to exert control over by executive branch agencies.</p> <p>While deadlines have passed in both chambers, we now move into conference committee time, where anything is on the table so long as it has been drafted and filed.</p>	<p>03/14/22 – Target adjournment date</p>	<p>While this process progresses, it’s become clear this session that almost anything can happen and, therefore, we are not giving up on our pursuit to amend iGaming language into an existing bill.</p> <p>While this is certainly a “hail mary” effort at this point, Senator Ford and Representative Manning remain willing to try almost anything at this point. We have been in touch with them both (and other members) consistently, and we don’t intend to give up until the very end (which we expect to be mid next week). While it’s a major longshot, we are exploring all possible options for legalizing iGaming this session.</p>

<p>Mass <i>(sports)</i></p>	<p>Last year, sports betting bill passed the House, but stalled in the Senate. Aside from policy disagreements between the chambers (see below) the Senate President continues to voice her personal opposition for gambling expansion to moving a bill last year, but she has left the door open for discussion later this session.</p> <p>Another obstacle is the organized effort of local small businesses (bars/restaurants) that are seeking to be included in the bill to offer retail sports betting. They could have an outsized impact on the debate in an election year since they represent local businesses and employees in nearly every legislative district.</p> <p>There are several areas of dissention between the House / Senate including: collegiate betting; tax rate; credit card ban; official league data; integrity fees, and market access.</p>	<p>01/05/22 – Legislature reconvenes; Session is year-round.</p>	<p>iDEA has been speaking to key Senators including Lesser and Rodrigues, and providing our perspective on several of the outstanding issues.</p> <p>Our next meeting is not scheduled until mid-February, which means that the Senate is still taking a deliberate approach to sports wagering.</p>
<p>Missouri <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i></p>	<p>On 3/2 the House Policy Committee voted to approve sports betting legislation. Our state lobbyist posted a video update on the Member Portal. Three amendments were added to a committee substitute.</p> <p>Also, the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on March 9 at 8:30am CT to hear 5 bills.</p> <p>For detailed information regarding amendments in the House, and bills to be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee, please see the latest update on Missouri in the Member Portal. (<-- link to the full Missouri update in the Portal here)</p>	<p>05/13 – Session Adjournment</p> <p>09/14 – Veto Session</p>	<p>iDEA’s lobbyist Scott Swain submitted testimony on our behalf at the hearing and was on hand to answer lawmaker’s questions. Over the past few weeks, he has joined a coalition of stakeholders in meeting with lawmakers to advocate for the bill.</p> <p>We are working with other pro-sports betting lobbyists to let the sports betting bill proceed on its own – perhaps seeking to obtain a separate vote on the VLT issue.</p>
<p>New York <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i></p>	<p>In the past week NY has bubbled up with activity for both sports betting and iGaming.</p> <p>On sports, there is an effort to legislatively reduce the current tax rate (51%) that state-authorized operators must pay. While legislation has yet to be introduced, we understand that it would seek to not only reduce the rate, but also add additional market entrants. This could align with the tax rate matrix released by the Gaming Commission during the RFA process.</p> <p>Also, Sen. Addabbo introduced a bill to legalize iGaming. The bill can be found here and a summary here.</p> <p>The immediate goal is to advance iGaming as part of the Senate one-house budget. While inclusion in the Senate budget is possible, there are several hurdles to getting iGaming included in the final bill.</p>	<p>April 1 – estimated deadline for final budget bill</p> <p>June 2 – Target adjournment date</p>	<p>On 03/03 iDEA sent this letter to the Senate Majority Leader urging her to include iGaming in the Senate budget bill.</p> <p>We are also putting together a legal analysis to validate the constitutionality of online gaming -- similar to the successful arguments made for mobile sports betting.</p>

Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Opportunities
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The rules process started by the Casino Control Commission continues. With the staggered introductions and deadlines, every Friday has become a deadline for comment submissions for Round One or Round Two of the five batches of rules set to be released by the Commission.</p> <p>This week they released updated version of Batch 3 rules. They can be found on the Member Portal.</p> <p>We should expect to see Batch 5 introduced the week of March 7th. The members of the Casino Control Commission will meet on March 16th and it is possible that the Commission will formally send Batch Two for consideration by Ohio's Common Sense Initiative for its impact on businesses.</p> <p>All of DRAFT rules can be found here.</p> <p>With respect to timing, media reports continue to indicate that the Commission fully expects to use every day available before the statutorily-mandated launch date of January 1, 2023. Given the requirement to launch all types of sports gaming on the same day, and with the responsibility of the Commission to grade and award licenses subject to a competitive application process, it is unlikely that a significantly earlier launch date is possible.</p>	<p>6 to 8 months: regulatory approval and licensing approval process</p> <p>Q4 2022: best estimation of a "launch" timeframe.</p>	<p>iDEA is preparing comments on the he updated 2nd batch of rules regarding what the Commission should consider when determining the "incremental economic benefit" for granting a 2nd skin. We believe that the updated version oules increases the standard unnecessarily.</p> <p>A copy of the letter is on the member portal</p> <p>iDEA continues to engage with the Ohio Casino Control Commission during the regulatory process.</p>
MARYLAND <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The SWARC met this week and announced that they still have not secured a contract for the disparity study - which is required under the law - to determine whether race conscious or remedial measures are required for licensing mobile and Class B retail sports betting. We are told that the study could begin by March and that it will take a minimum of 3 months before a version is before the SWARC for evaluation.</p> <p>The formal deadline to respond to the SWARC survey is 02/18 at 2pm ET. However, we are told that they will accept responses within a reasonable time frame (2-3 days later). iDEA encourages</p>	<p>02/18/22 -- SWARC survey deadline</p> <p>Q3 2022 -- Online launch</p>	<p>We encourage all iDEA members who have an interest in pursuing a mobile sports wagering license in MD to fill out the SWARC survey.</p> <p>iDEA continues to monitor activity of the SWARC and MD Lottery and also communicates with these bodies as needed.</p>

	<p>members who plan to participate as sports betting operators to respond to the SWARC survey. It has been posted, along with additional information in the member portal. Responses can be submitted anonymously</p>		
<p>Ontario, CAN <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>The Attorney General's office, in concert with the AGCO notified one supplier that their policy will be that they expect suppliers to licensed operators to notify the regulator of any potential illegal activity by the operator.</p>	<p>April 4th – Launch date</p>	<p>IDEA has sent a letter to the AGCO/iGO expressing concern over deputizing suppliers to be de facto regulators of operators. The letter also raises concerns about the clear lack of uniform testing requirements that could create unfair advantages for operators who do not have the highest degree of compliance tools deployed.</p>

Other States iDEA is Monitoring 2022 (Legislative Phase)

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Georgia <i>(sports)</i>	<p>Recent statements from legislative leaders are raising optimism for sports betting (and perhaps other gaming) expansion to be included on the ballot for voters in November. Lawmakers would need to approve the ballot measure before the end of March.</p> <p>Sports betting legislation advanced last year, but was held up because of political conflicts on voting rights legislation.</p> <p>The most likely path towards legalization is for the legislature to approve language for a ballot initiative. Doing so would avoid a potential constitutional challenge that has many lawmakers concerned. The ballot initiative would allow Georgia voters to decide this November whether to authorize sports betting in the state.</p>	<p>01/10/22 – Legislature reconvenes</p> <p>03/31/22 – Legislature adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor developments and will seek opportunities to engage with lawmakers and stakeholders as warranted.</p>
Iowa <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>State Rep. Kaufmann’s iGaming bill, HSB604, received a hearing and a favorable vote in subcommittee on 02/02.</p> <p>Bill information can be found here, and groups registered with lobbyists in Iowa were able to voice their position on the bill. iDEA has spoken with Rep Kaufmann, and while he is enthusiastic about the bill, he is not optimistic it will move beyond a discussion phase in 2022.</p> <p>While many of the state’s land-based casinos support iGaming, some are opposed and the state casino association will only advocate for policies where they have member unanimity.</p>	<p>01/10/22 – Legislature reconvenes</p> <p>04/19/222 – legislature adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA has spoken with Rep. Kaufmann and other key members of the legislature. We are also engaging with key land-based stakeholder to discuss strategies to advance the legislative discussion this year.</p>

Kansas	<p>Sports betting bills stalled last year over disagreements between the lottery and land-based casinos.</p> <p>Legislation will be reintroduced this session and lawmakers will closely watch what happens in Missouri.</p>	<p>01/05/22 – Legislature reconvenes</p> <p>05/13/22 – Legislature adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor developments and will seek opportunities to engage with lawmakers and stakeholders as warranted.</p>
North Carolina	<p>Recently the Governor expressed his support for passing a sports betting bill this year. He expressed support for the bill that has already passed the Senate (last year), but did say that he wants to increase the tax revenues the state receives. This could be done through increasing the tax rate/fees or limiting the amount of promo deductions.</p> <p>It is not expected that sports betting will be addressed until later this Spring after the legislature has addressed issues like redistricting.</p> <p>Legislation was approved last year in the Senate, and will carry over for House consideration in 2022.</p> <p>Conservatives House lawmakers were unwilling to address the bill in the final days of last session, but stakeholders have been working with them to gain support.</p>	<p>Mid-May: possible movement of sports wagering bill in the House.</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor developments and will seek opportunities to engage with lawmakers and stakeholders as warranted.</p>
Mississippi	<p>Despite several bills to allow for state-wide mobile sports betting introduced this session, none of them passed a critical deadline on 02/01 to be voted out of Committee.</p>	<p>01/04/22 – Legislature reconvenes</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to engage with lawmakers to discuss the benefits of mobile betting and to also discourage efforts to require in-person registration in the future.</p>

	<p>This means that in all likelihood, mobile sports betting will not pass in 2022.</p> <p>Recently, the chair of the Gaming Committee, Rep Eure expressed his frustration on the lack of industry unity on this issue, and he pointed to this division as the reason the bills did not advance.</p>	<p>04/30/22 – legislature adjourns</p>	
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