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State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
INDIANA (iGaming)	The long session of the Indiana General Assembly has concluded, with both chambers adjourning just before 2 am on Apr. 28. Neither iGaming nor iLottery were authorized in any form during this legislative session.	Adjourned	iDEA continues to work with key legislators and stakeholders in Indiana.
MASSACHUSETTS (Sports)	The bill number for SD. 766 was changed to S. 182 and was then referred to the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. As background, this bill would make sportsbooks subject to Massachusetts deceptive advertising laws. More information is available in the Member Portal .	Nov. 11 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Massachusetts legislature.
MINNESOTA (Sports)	The Minnesota Legislature adjourned without passing sports betting legislation. On May 10, the Minnesota Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee passed the Senate sports wagering bill by a vote of 8-5. The bill was then referred to the Tax Committee and then re-referred to the Rules and Administration Committee. On May 11, the Rules and Administration Committee reported the bill out of Committee and sent the bill to the Tax Committee. On May 12, the Minnesota Senate Tax Committee passed the Senate sports wagering bill out of committee and sent the bill to the Senate Finance Committee. However, it is unlikely that sports betting legislation will pass in Minnesota this year. Copies of all bills can be accessed in the Member Portal .	Adjourned	
NEW HAMPSHIRE (iGaming)	On Apr. 26, the House Ways and Means Committee unanimously recommended against passage of SB 104 (Lang). The bill, however, can still be called for a vote on the House floor. As		It now appears unlikely that New Hampshire will pass iGaming in 2023. iDEA will monitor the activity of the New Hampshire legislature.

	background, SB 104 would authorize online gaming in New Hampshire and direct the net proceeds to a community college education scholarship fund. The New Hampshire Lottery Commission would choose online casino operators in a competitive bidding process. On Mar. 23, the Finance Committee adopted an amendment to the bill removing the legalization of online slots to address concerns from the state's retail-based charitable casinos. A copy of the introduced and amended bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.		
NEW YORK <i>(iGaming)</i>	On Mar. 14, the Assembly and Senate released their one-house budgets, and neither proposal included iGaming revenue. On Feb. 27, the New York State Assembly passed A1118, sponsored by Assemb. Clyde Vanel. The proposal calls for sports betting companies to include information within their advertising that highlights the potential dangers of legal gambling. The bill then moved to the Senate where it was referred to the Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee. On Feb. 15, Sen. Joe Addabbo filed bill S.4856 to legalize iGaming in New York. The bill would offer an online license to each sports betting operator, and the proposed tax rate is 30.5%. The bill can be accessed in the Member Portal. On February 1, Gov. Kathy Hochul unveiled her 2024 executive budget, but the legalization of iGaming was not included. 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.		iDEA will monitor the activity of the New York legislature.

	Other bills we are monitoring include S 1550, which would require all advertisements to include warnings about the potentially harmful and addictive effects of gambling, and A 1056, which would create a problem gambling advisory council. Copies of all bills can be accessed in the Member Portal.		
NORTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	On June 14, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper signed H 347 into law. North Carolina now has 12 months to launch online sports betting. You can read a copy of the ratified bill in the Member Portal. On June 07, the North Carolina House of Representatives concurred with the changes that the Senate made to the sports betting bill. The bill now heads to the Governor, where it is anticipated that he will sign it. You can read a copy of the bill in the Member Portal. On June 01, H 347 passed out of the Senate. Due to the fact that changes were made in the Senate, the bill has to go back to the House for a concurrence vote. Sports betting will be launched no later than 12 months after the bill becomes law. On May 24, the Senate Committee on Commerce and Insurance amended and then reported H 347 to the Senate Committee on Finance. Among the changes is increasing the tax rate to 18%.	Aug. 31 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the North Carolina legislature.
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	The finalized Ohio budget includes an increased sports wagering tax rate of 20%. The Ohio budget conference committee continues to meet to work out the budget differences. The Ohio budget conference committee started on June 22. The House of Representatives is fighting hard against the Senate 10% tax increase. The House members are confident they can fight back the increase. The state is looking for money to put towards		On June 27, iDEA General Counsel, Jeff Ifrah sent a letter to members of Ohio's HB 33 Conference Committee with recommendations related to the state Senate's proposed tax increase on sports betting. You can read a copy of the letter in the Member Portal. iDEA will monitor the activity of the Ohio legislature.

	education and high school sports, among others. The state collected more taxes than expected in their revenue estimating conference on top of having a cash rich Rainy Day Fund, which is a reason to support not raising tax on sports betting. On June 15, the Senate passed their version of the budget. It did include the increase of the sports gaming tax. The budget now heads to a conference committee. The Senate's substitute budget bill reinstated Gov. DeWine's proposed doubling of the sports gaming tax from 10% to 20%. With education budget negotiations being an intricate part of the process, we have been informed that a deal has been struck on education and the funding will come from either the Rainy Day Fund and the extra revenues the state has from what was originally projected in the budget estimate. In his recommended two-year state budget proposal, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine proposed doubling the tax on sports betting from 10% to 20%. A copy of the proposed budget can be accessed in the Member Portal, and the proposed sports betting tax increase can be found on line 73672.		
RHODE ISLAND <i>(iGaming)</i>	The Governor has signed the i-Gaming bills. The bills take effect on March 1, 2024. On June 13, the House Finance Committee recommended passage of substitute B for S 948. (You can read a copy of S 948 Sub B in the Member Portal.) On the same day, the House Finance Committee amended the House version of the i-Gaming bill, H 6348 and recommended passage. (You can read a copy of H 6348 Sub A in the Member Portal.) The bills mirror each other. On June 15, the House of Representatives passed both substituted bills. Also, on June 15, the Senate concurred with the changes to the Senate bill and passed the House bill. Both bills have been sent to the Governor. If signed into law, the bills will take effect on March 1, 2024. Note: While only one of these bills must go through the entire legislative process to become law, in		iDEA will monitor the activity of the Rhode Island legislature.

	Rhode Island, it is not uncommon for both the identical Senate and House versions to be enacted into law. On June 06, the Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee recommended passage of bill substitute A for S 948 (a bill that would legalize iGaming) and placed the bill on the Senate calendar. On June 08, the Senate passed the substitute bill. You can read a copy of bill substitute A in the Member Portal. On May 10, S 948 had a hearing in the Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee. The Committee recommended that the bill be held for further study. On Apr. 27, State Senate President Dominick Ruggerio filed S 948, a bill to legalize iGaming. The legislation would allow the state's Division of Lotteries to authorize online slots and table games at Bally's retail casinos in the state. A copy of the bill can be accessed in the Member Portal.		
VERMONT <i>(Sports)</i>	On June 14, Governor Phil Scott signed H 127 into law. The Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery will be the regulatory body that oversees sports wagering. It is expected that sports wagering will launch by January 2024. You can read a copy of the bill in the Member Portal. On May 09, the Vermont House of Representatives concurred in the changes that the Senate made to the sports wagering bill. The bill now heads to Governor Phil Scott. It is anticipated that he will sign it. On May 3, the Senate passed H 127 (Birong) with various amendments that do the following: - Alters the fee structure to bring in more money per operator, spread over multiple years. - Eliminates a cap on advertising, allowing the Department of Liquor and Lottery (DLL) to negotiate that with operators.	Adjourned	

	- Bans advertising on college campuses. - Prohibits advertising on products marketed to those under the age 21. - Requires operators to submit an advertising plan as part of their application and contract with the DLL. - Adjusts revenue to the problem gambling fund. - Establishes a penalty for sportsbooks operating illegally in Vermont. As background, the bill would legalize up to six sports betting apps. While there is no current tax projection, the Governor's annual budget includes \$2.6 million of sports betting tax revenue. A copy of the bill and adopted amendments can be accessed in the Member Portal.		
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Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2023

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KENTUCKY (Sports)	The Kentucky emergency sports wagering regulations were passed and are effective as of July 10th. A summary of the regulations and information on a scheduled public hearing and comment period, along with links and contact information for license applications is available in the Member Portal. Retail go-live date is September 7, 2023 and the online go-live date is September 28, 2023. We expect the draft rules to be public in the coming week. Initial intel coming in is indicating the rules will be emergency rules and allow operators that currently have licenses in other states to operate in Kentucky. The Governor is pushing hard for the state to launch before NFL 2023 season. It was announced that the Kentucky	August 22, 2023- Public hearing on the regulations September 7, 2023- Retail go-live date September 28, 2023- Online go-live date	iDEA will monitor the activity of the KHRC.

	Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) is tentatively planning an early July meeting to review and approve the rules. Due to the fact that several horses have died at Churchill Downs and Churchill Downs is closed, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission has temporarily delayed work on the sports wagering regulations. We will provide an update when we have one. The Kentucky sports betting bill – HB 551 (Meredith) will become effective on Jun. 28, and the KHRC will then have six months from that date (until Dec. 28) to promulgate regulations, although it is expected that the rules will be drafted much sooner.		
MAINE <i>(Sports)</i>	On May 17, Maine's Gambling Control Unit released new proposed regulations governing sports betting. Substantial revisions were made. Comments are due on June 16. Final regulations are expected in September. Many of iDEA's concerns were addressed. Restrictions on the use of joint accounts were removed. Restrictions on advertising were narrowly tailored to those that would appeal to persons under 21 years old. 10-day advance review of advertisements was removed. Removal of restrictions on advertising only during live events and only on channels that televise events. The proposed rules can be accessed in the Member Portal.	September-Final Regulations Expected	On Feb. 23, iDEA submitted a written letter on the proposed rules focusing on the taxation of promotions and bonuses and the onerous advertising restrictions. The letter can be accessed in the Member Portal . MGCU Director Milton Champion has commented that the advertising restrictions will not be significantly changed in the revised rules.
MASSACHUSETTS <i>(Sports)</i>	At its June 29 meeting, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) voted to require that any sports wagering operator logo that is on signage or a fixed structure in a sports venue include “21 plus” language. The operators and sports venues have 90 days to comply with this new rule. At its June 15 meeting, the MGC approved a waiver to the referral promotions prohibition through August 1. At its May 23 meeting, MGC unanimously voted to continue to tax sports betting operators on revenue generated by promotional play.	Aug 1-Expiration of the waiver to the referral promotions prohibition	iDEA will monitor the activity of the MGC.

NEW YORK <i>(Sports)</i>	The proposed mobile sports wagering advertising regulations that were approved by the New York State Gaming Commission at its last meeting haven't been officially published in the State Register. The Register is published on a weekly basis. Once published in the State Register, there will be 60-day public comment period. The New York State Gaming Commission met on Monday, May 22, 2023, and voted on revised proposed rules to regulate advertising, marketing and promotions concerning sports wagering. The revised regulations can be accessed in the Member Portal.		iDEA will monitor the activity of the NYSGC.
NORTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	The North Carolina State Lottery Commission is forming a sub-committee that will draft the sports wagering rules and guide the promulgation process.		iDEA will monitor the activity of the North Carolina Lottery Commission.
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	The Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC) sent out an email on June 28 to sports gaming stakeholders requesting that each operator confirm that it does not or has ceased offering any directed consumer promotions, based on non-gaming consumer transactions, no later than 5 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2023. In the same email, the OCCC stated that it is aware that further administrative rules regarding these types of promotions would assist the industry. The OCCC is proposing a change in administrative rules. You can read a copy of the proposed rule change in the Member Portal. The OCCC welcomes stakeholder comments on the proposed administrative rule change. Comments can be submitted to rulecomments@casinocontrol.ohio.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2023.		iDEA will monitor the activity of the Ohio Casino Control Commission.
VERMONT <i>(Sports)</i>	The Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery (DLL) has approved the Sports Wagering Program Criminal Background Check Procedures. You can read a copy of them in the Member Portal. The DLL has released a copy of their sports wagering procedures. You can read a copy of them in the Member Portal.		iDEA will monitor the activity of the Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery.

WASHINGTON <i>(Sports)</i>	iDEA's efforts helped achieve a reduction to license fees assessed by the Washington State Gambling Commission (WSGC). The license fee changes include: • Major sports wagering vendors \$65,000 to \$30,000 • Mid-level sports wagering vendors \$10,000 to \$5,000 • Ancillary sports wagering vendors \$5,000 to \$2,000 The WSGC filed the final regulation on May 18, with effective date of June 18. Final regulations available in the Member Portal.		On Feb. 13, iDEA Growth submitted a comment letter to the Washington State Gambling Commission (WSGC) recommending that WSGC reduce the sports wagering licenses fees set forth in WAC 230-05-170 (1). The letter can be accessed in the Member Portal.
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