

For Members: Latest state updates highlighted in green

IDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2021

State	Current Status	Key Dates	IDEA Engagement / Opportunities
Florida (Sports and iGaming)	<p>A federal court hearing is set for November 5th to hear the challenge brought by a couple of the state's cardrooms seeking to invalidate the tribal compact.</p> <p>While sports betting could technically launch under the compact as soon as Oct 15, the Seminole tribe have not announced a launch date.</p> <p>At least one more legal challenge, from the No Casino Florida group, is expected to be filed soon.</p> <p>The ballot initiative to bring more competition to the FL sports betting market continues to gather signatures.</p>	<p>Per the compact, sports betting could not commence until Oct 15, 2021.</p> <p>Nov 5 – fed court hearing date.</p> <p>Feb 1, '22 – deadline to collect signatures for ballot initiative.</p>	<p>IDEA will continue to monitor developments in Florida regarding the legal challenges to the compact and ballot initiatives.</p>
Indiana (iGaming 2022)	<p>IDEA organized a briefing on iGaming for Indiana Senators on 08/23.</p> <p>More than a dozen key senate members and leaders participated in the IDEA-led briefing. The briefing helped to answer many questions that lawmakers have about how iGaming will work in the state and also allowed us to collect info from Senators so we can address their concerns at future briefings.</p> <p>IDEA is also working to produce a study that addresses questions raised by Indiana lawmakers this summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimal tax rates; if different than land-based, why? • Tax revenue projections based on various tax rates • Data on cannibalization 	<p>Make determination on study in coming weeks.</p> <p>Oct/Nov Fall briefing of state lawmakers.</p>	<p>We have agreement from the Casino Association of Indiana to jointly fund a study. We hope to have a first draft of the study by early October.</p> <p>We are also discussing the idea of co-hosting with the Casino Association a briefing led by UNLV scholars to educated lawmakers about iGaming.</p>
Ohio (Sports)	<p>Ohio lawmakers have returned to session, but the legislature has not scheduled any hearings on sports betting.</p> <p>House and Senate leaders have said in the past week that sports betting is a "priority bill" that will move during the Fall.</p>	<p>September – Ohio legislature returns to work.</p>	<p>IDEA is engaging with House lawmakers who will be acting on the Senate-passed sports betting bill within a few weeks.</p> <p>We are coordinating our efforts with other industry lobbyists.</p>

	<p>The House does not want to rubber stamp what the Senate has already passed and will seek to make changes to the bill with respect to how licenses are distributed, and could give OCCC discretion to directly award licenses.</p> <p>This has the potential to delay progress on the bill as the existing gaming entities and sports teams will push back against changes.</p>		
Virginia (iGaming 2022)	<p>Dan and John had an initial conversation with Del. Sickles' staffer about the potential benefits of iGaming. He committed to discuss it with his boss and suggested that we speak to staff for Del. Krizek (the Chair of the gaming subcommittee) and Sen. McPike (the lead Senate sponsor of the sports betting bill.)</p>		<p>Virtual meeting with Del. Krizek's COS next week.</p>
Illinois (iGaming & Sports Amendments)	<p>In May the House passed an omnibus gaming bill that sought to address issues related to the existing sports wagering law. The Senate did not take action on that bill.</p> <p>The next opportunity for the Senate to consider gaming legislation will be in the Fall veto session.</p>	<p>Sept/Oct – iDEA meeting with key lawmakers.</p> <p>October – Veto Session</p>	<p>Legislative Committee is reviewing draft amendment to address the supplier cost inequity issue with the sports betting law.</p> <p>Recently, iDEA met with several lawmakers and lobbyists from land-based industry to discuss pushing iGaming in 2022.</p> <p>iDEA is organizing additional one-on-one meetings with lawmakers in the coming weeks to identify possible champions.</p> <p>iDEA has retained a local lobbyist to guide our efforts on iGaming education as well as pushing for legislative fixes to the sports wagering law related to suppliers and collegiate betting.</p>

Other States iDEA is Monitoring

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Massachusetts	<p>MA lawmakers returned to work, but no action has yet been scheduled on sports betting legislation.</p> <p>The House passed a bill in late summer and the Senate could seek to amend this bill, or push one of their own bills, such as one sponsored by Senator Lesser.</p>	September – Lawmakers return to work after Summer Recess.	<p>iDEA has engaged with lawmakers but has not formally engaged through a local lobbyist.</p> <p>We are reaching out to lawmakers in the Senate to get a better understanding of timing and areas where the Senate may differ from the House passed bill.</p>

States in Regulatory Process 2021

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Opportunities
Arizona	<p>Arizona launched its market as planned on Sept 9th.</p> <p>The ADG is still in the process of finalizing supplier registrations.</p>	<p>Sept 6th – hearing and decision on legal challenge.</p> <p>Sept 9 – launch date</p>	iDEA will remain engaged in communicating with the ADG and providing information to members on the process.
Connecticut (Sports & iGaming)	<p>Connecticut's legislative review committee approved regulations on August 31. The updated rules can be found here.</p> <p>We have also obtained DRAFT technical standards documents which can be shared upon request. Please contact John Pappas.</p>	Expected Launch in late September.	

	License applications can be accessed by registering at eLicense Online (ct.gov) . Contact John Pappas for additional instructions.		
Louisiana (sports)	<p>On Sept 16th the LGCB released updated rules approved by the Board. They can be found here: http://lgcb.dps.louisiana.gov/regulations_proposed.html</p> <p>Additionally, the Department of Revenue issued a controversial new rule which requires sportsbook operators to issue w2g and withhold taxes for winnings/payouts exceeding \$1,200.00. This is not seen in any other state and runs contrary to federal IRS guidelines for sports wagering/table game withholdings.</p>	October – Expected launch	<p>iDEA is coordinating with members companies regarding a response/comment on the new Dept. of Revenue guidance.</p> <p>If you have questions on the withholding issue, or with licensing questions please contact John Pappas.</p>
Maryland (Sports)	<p>MD Lottery has published their proposed rules in the MD Register which triggers a 30-day comment window.</p> <p>Regulator will also hold a stakeholder comment meeting during this period. The SWARC is expected to meet again at the end of September as well.</p> <p>Info on the sports wagering rules/comments can be found here: https://www.mdgaming.com/maryland-sports-wagering/</p>	<p>A 30-day comment window from Aug 27 – Sept 27.</p> <p>Stakeholder meeting Sept 22.</p>	<p>Please contact iDEA if you have areas where you would like the organization to submit comments.</p> <p>iDEA also intend to participate in the upcoming stakeholder meeting to provide input on the regulations.</p>
New York (Sports)	<p>The RFA application deadline closed on August 9th. A list of bidders and redacted applications can be found here: https://www.gaming.ny.gov/pdf/Submission%20Material%208.13.2021.pdf</p> <p>The NYSGC approved emergency rules on August 16th. A link to these rules can be found here: https://tinyurl.com/5bbke4mt</p>	<p>NYSGC applicant interviews begin 09/01</p> <p>Selection of Applicants before 12/06</p>	<p>We are seeking clarity on how the NYSGC will be accepting comments on the proposed rules.</p>
Wyoming	<p>Wyoming launched on September 1.</p> <p>Additional information about Wyoming can be found here: https://gaming.wyo.gov/sports-wagering</p>		

Ontario, CAN (iGaming)	AGCO registration process went live this week – link sent to all members.	December 6 th remains target launch date, although there is some speculation that the date will slip.	Issues of liquidity, DST tax rate, gray market, etc. remain and iDEA will continue to engage with regulators on them.
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