

## Legislative Updates: iGaming

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<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<p>Lawmakers have committed to introduce iGaming legislation for the upcoming session. The state-regulated VGT industry continues to oppose iGaming and has influence with the legislature. However, one of the larger VGT operators is now an owner of a Racino and would be positioned to capitalize on iGaming.</p> <p>There is also discussion of a compromise iGaming bill, which would be limited to poker and table games, removing slot games which are viewed competitively by the VGTs.</p> <p>We also expect legislation related to the regulation of DFS to be introduced this session.</p>	<p>Session Starts: 01/08/25</p> <p>Adourns: 05/31/25</p>	<p>iDEA is engaging with stakeholders and lawmakers ahead of the upcoming session. We have not engaged a lobbyist in the state.</p>
<b>INDIANA</b>	<p>Ethan Manning, Chair of the Public Policy Committee in Indiana, has introduced a bill to authorize iGaming and iLottery. A copy of HB 1432 is available <a href="#">here</a>. Some high level details below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Interactive gaming licenses" would be available to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A licensed owner of a riverboat.</li> <li>○ An operating agent operating a riverboat in a historic hotel district.</li> <li>○ A permit holder conducting gambling games at the permit holder's racetrack.</li> <li>○ 3 skins/brands per licensee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Interactive gaming license costs \$500,000, with an annual renewal fee of \$50,000.</li> </ul>	<p>Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>-Potential Hearing on HB 1432</p>	<p>We understand that there could be a hearing as soon as January 28<sup>th</sup>, and iDEA is looking to testify. iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Indiana Legislature.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax rate is 26% in year one. Year two and beyond it shifts to tiered structure ranging from 22% to 30%, depending on AGR.</li> <li>• Promo deduction capped at \$5m</li> <li>• Live dealer studio must be located in state.</li> <li>• Servers must be located in the state, but not at a gaming facility.</li> </ul> <p>The bill also would permit distributed electronic gaming (VLTs) at bars/taverns in Indiana. This provision of the bill is strongly opposed by land-based casino operators in the state.</p>		
<p><b>LOUISIANA</b></p>	<p>iDEA testified at the Louisiana Senate Committee hearing on iGaming on 12/11 alongside other members, including Light &amp; Wonder, Boyd, and Fanatics.</p> <p>Opposition also voiced their views, including representatives from Cordish (opening a casino in Louisiana next year), the Video Poker industry (a prominent stakeholder in the state), and The Campaign for Fairer Gambling.</p> <p>Following testimony from Cordish and the Video Poker representative, iDEA had the opportunity to refute their claims and highlight that Cordish is already a proud operator of online casinos in Pennsylvania. <a href="#">Read this</a> for a recap of the hearing. With the legislative session not starting until April, we have ample time to build on today's momentum and continue delivering our message.</p> <p>You can view the hearing <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>Session Starts – 04/14/25</p> <p>Session Adjourns – 16/12/25</p>	<p>iDEA is working with lawmakers and other industry stakeholders to advance legislation during the legislative session which starts in April.</p> <p>We are following up with members of the Committee who participated in the 12/11 hearing with additional information and studies to help bolster iGaming.</p>

<p><b>MARYLAND</b></p>	<p>Senator Watson has introduced <a href="#">SB340</a> an iGaming bill that is identical to the legislation earlier by Del. Atterbeary. The bill has been referred to the Budget and Tax Committee and will be part of a hearing scheduled for January 29th.</p> <p>The Governor in his FY26 budget has proposed to increase the sports betting tax rate from 15% to 30% as well as increasing the retail table game tax rate.</p> <p>With the state facing a massive budget shortfall, the Governor is looking to the gaming industry to close the gap. This opens the door for broader discussions about iGaming as a revenue driver. See full update on the <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</p>	<p>Jan 29th – Senate Budget Hearing scheduled</p> <p>Adjourns – 04/07/25</p>	<p>iDEA is engaging with key lawmakers and building out messaging materials to help advance legislation this year.</p> <p>On 01/23 we are meeting with key lawmakers and other stakeholders in Annapolis. If any member who is in the area would like to join for these meetings, please contact John Pappas.</p> <p>We are likely to testify at the Senate hearing later this month.</p>
<p><b>NEW YORK</b></p>	<p>Rep. Gary Pretlow, the House champion for iGaming, has been appointed chair of the Ways and Means Committee, which sets revenue policy for the state. While there are still several obstacles to advancing iGaming bills in NY, Pretlow’s new position will give him greater influence to push for iGaming as a revenue raiser.</p> <p>Senator Addabbo will be filing an iGaming bill again this session. Two major obstacles persist. The licensing of the downstate casinos is still far from happening, and will make it difficult to authorize iGaming, until there is more clarity on this process. Also, the hotel workers trade union continues to oppose iGaming, however, there continues to be negotiations to see if there are ways to divert iGaming revenue to support the labor union and get them away from opposing the bill.</p>	<p>Session Starts – 01/08/25</p> <p>Adjourns – 06/13/25</p>	<p>iDEA is scheduled to have meetings with Senator Addabbo right after the holidays to discuss advancing his bill in 2025.</p> <p>We are monitoring developments and continuing to engage with key lawmakers.</p>

<p><b>WYOMING</b></p>	<p>Wyoming's iGaming bill – <a href="#">HB 0162</a> – has been filed. Some key takeaways from the bill include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax is 16% (excludes free play/promotions)</li> <li>• Defines “qualified gaming entity” as a company that has been approved to offer iGaming in at least 3 states</li> <li>• Seeks to have a minimum of 5 qualified entities approved – the Gaming Commission has confirmed that existing sports betting licenses will have streamlined path to iGaming licensure, however, they are in no way seeking to cap the market</li> <li>• \$100,000 interactive gaming operator permit fee, renewal of \$50,000 after 5 years</li> <li>• \$10,000 vendor permit fee, renewal fee of \$5,000 after 5 years</li> <li>• Prohibits iGaming on tribal lands unless permitted under compact</li> </ul> <p>More info available on the <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</p> <p>Our lobbyist continues to connect with lawmakers on the issue and coordinating with other stakeholders on strategy and outreach.</p> <p>The state gaming commission released a study that looks at possible gaming expansion in the state, including iGaming. More info about the study can be found on the <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</p> <p>The leadership has announced its priorities which include, property tax relief, no ESG investments, no DEI programs at the University and lowering government spending. The priorities will be addressed first.</p>	<p>Jan 14 –The legislative session began.</p> <p>End of March – Session adjourns.</p>	<p>Our lobbyist had a conversation with Rep. Brown on Jan. 16th and thanked him for being involved with the bill. Rep. Brown said he would do all he could to pass the bill.</p> <p>IDEA plans to be directly involved in Wyoming to help educate lawmakers and secure support for iGaming.</p> <p>We anticipate that the iGaming bill will be subject to a hearing in the early part of the session, and we will be invited to testify.</p> <p>On 01/10 we met with the new Director of the Wyoming Gaming Commission. He believes that iGaming would be an “easy lift” for the Commission and they have no concerns about their ability to oversee. He also noted that law enforcement is looking closely at illegal iGaming operations in the state already, and he would like to see a legal market.</p> <p>Should a bill gain momentum, he has invited iDEA to present to the full Commission to provide them info about iGaming.</p>
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## Legislative Updates: Sports Betting

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<p><b>GEORGIA</b></p>	<p>The state will be a leading contender to pass a bill in 2025. Recently, the chairman of the lead house committee on this issue wrote an op-ed urging his fellow Republican lawmakers to support in this upcoming session.</p> <p>A law passed by the legislature would need to be ratified by the voters via a ballot referendum.</p>	<p>Session Starts: 01/13/25</p> <p>Adjourns: 04/03/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor activity.</p>
<p><b>MINNESOTA</b></p>	<p>The Senate Finance Committee, chaired by long-time gambling opponent Senator Marty, held a hearing on Jan. 8th to discuss the "social harms resulting from online sports betting."</p> <p>The hearing was very-one sided, with only people testifying about the potential harms of online sports betting. No proponents of sports betting testified.</p> <p>Senator Frentz, who supports sports betting, said during the hearing that the state should be finding ways to protect problem gamblers if online sports betting becomes legal. He also pointed out that most people in Minnesota want online sports betting.</p> <p>Looking ahead, the Minnesota legislature is in an unusual position. Due to the death of a Senator and the disqualification of a House lawmaker, the</p>	<p>Session Start – 01/14/25</p> <p>Session Adjourns – 05/19/25</p>	<p>Despite reaching out before the holidays to offer testimony at the hearing that took place on Jan. 08th, committee staff declined our request, making it clear they were solely interested in highlighting the potential harms of legalization.</p> <p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.</p>

	<p>balance of power in both chambers is uncertain until special elections later this month. Democrats are favored in both races, and we expect substantive discussions around sports betting to be delayed until much later in the session, which ends in May.</p>		
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<p>A sports betting bill has been introduced. It is <b>HB 682</b>, sponsored by Rep. Burnett. The bill was referred to the House Gaming Committee. Rep. Burnett sponsored a similar bill last session that didn't make it out of committee.</p> <p>The bill that advanced in the legislative process and ultimately died in conference committee last session was sponsored by Rep. Eure. To date, Rep. Eure, who chairs the House Gaming Committee, hasn't re-introduced his bill in this new legislative session.</p>	<p>Session Started – 01/07/25</p> <p>Adjourns – 04/04/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature.</p>
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	<p>Legislation was considered earlier this year, but did not pass. The Governor has expressed his support for mobile sports betting revenue to be used for property tax reduction.</p> <p>We anticipate bills will again be considered in the early part of 2025.</p>	<p>Session Starts: 01/08/25</p> <p>Adjourns: 05/31/25</p>	<p>iDEA will be monitoring legislative activity.</p>
<b>TEXAS</b>	<p>In the last session (2023) the Texas House approved sports betting bill, however it was killed in the Senate where it was not supported by Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick.</p> <p>While we expect sports betting legislation to be considered in the upcoming 2025 legislative session, Lt. Governor Patrick remains in office and</p>	<p>Session Starts: 01/14/25</p> <p>Adjourns: 06/02/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Texas Legislature.</p>

	<p>has said he will not move off his opposition until a majority of Republican Senators come out in support of it.</p> <p>Further complicating the situation is the push to legalize land-based casinos. This has even less support than sports betting, however, some businesses who are advocating for it have said they would actively oppose sports betting, if casino legislation does not also advance.</p>		
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	<p>The tribes in Wisconsin have expressed interest in offering state-wide mobile sports betting. There could be a legislative and/or administrative strategy (negotiation of compacts) during 2025.</p>	<p>Session Starts: 01/07/25</p> <p>Adjourns; December 2025</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Wisconsin legislature.</p>

## iDEA Regulatory Advocacy

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<p><b>MISSOURI</b></p>	<p>The Commission has shared DRAFT licensing rules and licensing applications with stakeholders and are seeking input by COB on 01/17/2025. Rules related to the operations of sports wagering are not expected to be shared until later this month.</p> <p>The emergency regulations will have to be signed by the incoming Missouri Governor and also approved by the Missouri Attorney General's Office. Best case scenario is that the emergency sports betting regulations would be in place by mid-February, which would allow the gaming commission to begin the license application. The Commission has a reputation for an intensive gaming licensing process and we expect this to be the same for sports betting.</p> <p>Launch is not expected until early Summer of 2025.</p>	<p>Jan 17 – Comments due on licensing rules</p> <p>Late Jan – Possible draft rules issued.</p> <p>Spring 2025 – applications and license review process (est)</p> <p>Summer 2025 – Market launch</p>	<p>IDEA is engaging with the Missouri Gaming Commission to ensure our member company perspectives are heard during the regulatory process.</p>
<p><b>MARYLAND</b></p>	<p>On Monday, the rules to prohibit promo deductions for sports betting and retail casinos were published in the <a href="#">Maryland Register</a>. This opens a 30 day comment window.</p> <p>We understand that lawmakers intend to put a hold on these rules in the new year, which will delay, but are not guaranteed to eliminate the proposals.</p>	<p>01/02 – comment deadline on rules published on 12/02</p>	<p>iDEA is monitoring these regulatory developments and will continue to update membership.</p>