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Priority States: Legislative iGaming 2024

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
LOUISIANA	IDEA anticipates legislative activity in Louisiana in 2024.	Mar 11, 2024 – session convenes June 3, 2024 -- adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Louisiana Legislature. We are considering hiring a local lobbyist.
MAINE	Jan. 10-There was another hearing in the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee for LD 1777 as the hearing that took place on Jan. 03 was unexpectedly cut short. Jan. 03: There was a hearing in the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee for LD 1777, sponsored by Representative Supica. This bill authorizes each federally recognized Tribe in Maine to operate an Internet gaming license that would be much like an internet casino. Only federally recognized Tribes in Maine are eligible to obtain a license and operate Internet gaming. The licensing structure follows the law governing sports wagering. You can read a copy of the bill here .	Jan. 03, 2024-session convenes April 17, 2024-adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Maine Legislature.
MARYLAND	Watson bill should be live soon. A copy of the bill is available on the Portal. Watson is open to compromise on various areas, including tax rate. He believes including some minority market access component will be critical. His current bill creates a license for at least one minority owned Maryland business – Urban One. House lawmakers plan to cross-file a bill, which can be amended to address concerns. The House is the chamber where the legislation will first move. At this moment, the Senate is not as supportive as the House.	Jan 23 – 1pm, House Budget and Tax Briefing (link to live stream) Apr 8, 2024 -- adjourns	iDEA met with Sen Watson & House Chair Atterbeary on 1/18. We are scheduling to be back next week to meet with House leadership and Senate lawmakers. We are evaluating questions for the Senate Budget and Tax Committee for their briefing with the Innovation Group next week. Providing lawmakers with key points to counter the NERA report. Conducting a focused analysis of PA iGaming/retail market to show it will not harm land-based casinos in MD.

NEW JERSEY	<p>iDEA continues to actively monitor the potential of a gaming tax increase and is working closely with various stakeholders.</p> <p>NJ's Speaker of the House is considering a gaming tax increase. iDEA is actively working to persuade the Speaker otherwise. The New Jersey Gaming Association is also aware of what the Speaker is considering.</p>	<p>Jan. 09, 2024-session convenes</p> <p>December 31, 2024-session adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor activity of the New Jersey Legislature.</p>
NEW YORK	<p>Senator Addabbo has introduced his iGaming bill. A full breakdown of his proposal can be found on the Member Portal.</p> <p>Major headwinds for the bill since the Governor did not include it in her budget and also the recent union opposition. See story here. Unlikely this bill can move a standalone, however, there will be attempts to tie the revenue from iGaming to the final budget.</p>	<p>Jan 16 – Gov budget released</p>	<p>iDEA engaging with Addabbo and other lawmakers. Seeking opportunity to testify at a hearing in the future.</p>

Priority States: Legislative Sports Betting 2024

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ALABAMA	<p>We anticipate legislative activity in Alabama in 2024 which will include a comprehensive gambling bill to include brick and mortar casinos, state run lottery and mobile sports betting. Alabama is one of the few US states without a state lottery. At this time land-based casinos are tribal only.</p>	<p>Feb 6, 2024 – session convenes</p> <p>May 20, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Alabama Legislature.</p>
GEORGIA	<p>A Senate committee passed SB 172 which requires a const amendment to legalize sports betting and a 2/3 vote by both the House and Senate. The bill can now be considered by the full Senate.</p>	<p>Jan 8, 2024 – session convenes</p> <p>March 28, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Georgia Legislature.</p>

	<p>New bills will be introduced that would substitute SB 172, and remove requirements to have this issue go to a voter referendum.</p> <p>Early momentum for this bill is a good sign, however, we are cognizant that, as in previous years, larger political issues between republicans and democrats could undo any opportunity to pass a sports wagering bill. This is magnified during what is expected to be a contentious election year.</p>		
MINNESOTA	<p>When the Legislature comes back to session on Feb. 12, we expect legislative action on online sports betting. Bills carry from year to year within a legislative session. One potential sticking point seems to be reaching an agreement between the tribes and tracks.</p> <p>The Minnesota Legislature adjourned in 2023 without passing sports betting legislation. We expect there to be legislative action in 2024.</p>	<p>Feb 12, 2024 – session convenes</p> <p>May 20, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.</p>
MISSISSIPPI	<p>With the session underway, we anticipate that several bills related to sports wagering will be introduced. The key bill will be sponsored by Rep. Eure, who led the Mobile sports betting task force. It appears that the House leadership will be supportive. Getting the Senate on board and supportive will be the key.</p> <p>The Mississippi Mobile-Online Sports Betting Task Force released their report, which will serve as the basis for potential legislation that would permit statewide mobile sports wagering. The wide ranging report touches on several key issues including best practices for deploying mobile betting and estimated economic impact. The report includes views both in support and opposition to mobile wagering. You can view the full report here.</p>	<p>Jan 3, 2024 - session convenes</p> <p>May 5, 2024 – adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature. Rep. Eure has indicated he will introduce legislation in the early part of the session.</p>

MISSOURI	<p>Missouri sports teams and some mobile operators have announced they will push for a ballot initiative that would bypass the legislature and take the question about sports betting directly to the voters. Here is a link to the petition language.</p> <p>On 01/19 the government officials announced concerns with the proposed initiative as it does not enumerate how taxes would be collected/distributed, therefore they cannot estimate tax revenue.</p> <p>Land based casino operators have not yet endorsed the ballot effort yet either and may have concerns that it would expand gaming to other entities (ie sports teams), where they currently have exclusivity.</p>	<p>Jan 3, 2024 – session convenes</p> <p>May 5, 2024 – Signatures due to be eligible for the ballot. Must collect over 171,000.</p> <p>May 17, 2024 -- adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Missouri Legislature and also the progress of the ballot measure.</p>
OKLAHOMA	<p>A bill has been filed that would legalize sports betting. The bill, Senate Bill 1434, filed by Senator Murdock, closely aligns with the proposal that OK Governor Kevin Stitt previously announced. You can read a copy of the bill here.</p> <p>OK Governor Kevin Stitt announced his proposal for sports betting. The proposal will have retail sports betting conducted by federally recognized Oklahoma tribes.</p> <p>The tax rate will be 15%. Tribal sports betting will be pursuant to a state-tribal gaming compact. Online sports betting will be offered by licensed sports betting operators.</p>	<p>Feb. 05, 2024 - session convenes</p> <p>May 31, 2024 - adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Oklahoma Legislature and Governor’s Office.</p>

	Operators would pay an initial licensing fee of \$500,000 and be required to pay an annual licensing fee of \$100,000. The tax rate will be 20%. A fact sheet on the Governor’s proposal here .		
SOUTH CAROLINA	We anticipate legislative activity in South Carolina in 2024.	Jan 9, 2024 – session convenes May 9, 2024 – adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the South Carolina Legislature.

Priority States: Regulatory 2024

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NORTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	The Commission held a meeting on 01/10 where they announced that there are now 9 operator applicants. Operators will need to submit their internal controls policies by 01/26. They did not issue a firm launch date, but we still believe that mid-March is when they are targeting. The Commission is continuing to update its FAQ page .	Jan. 30 – Commission Sports Betting Cmte meeting. Feb 7 – Full Commission meeting Mid-March (expected launch timeframe)	We are continuing to monitor the regulatory and licensing process. We anticipate that additional information impacting the market will be released in the coming weeks and we will analyze and share through the Portal.