

## Legislative Updates: iGaming

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<b>ALBERTA</b>	<p>Alberta is seeking board members for a newly created agency — Alberta iGaming Corporation (AiGC) — which will oversee the province’s upcoming regulated online gambling market.</p> <p>The AiGC is the formal vehicle to manage and license private-sector operators for online sports betting and casino / iGaming in Alberta.</p> <p>The public recruitment invites applications for five board positions (including a chair and vice-chair).</p> <p>This is a concrete sign that Alberta’s online gambling initiative is advancing toward real implementation.</p> <p>The expectation is that private operators (similar to how the model works in Ontario) could launch services by 2026.</p>	AiGC Board applications due Dec 10.	iDEA will continue to monitor developments in Alberta, and will be engaging with the regulator throughout the rulemaking process.
<b>INDIANA</b>	<p>Earlier this week a House Committee passed an <b>iLottery bill</b>. During that hearing several lawmakers stated their support to also include iGaming. While the bill left committee without an <b>iGaming amendment</b> included, we do understand that there will be an effort to amend the bill on the House floor to include iGaming. The bill is expected on the floor on 01/12.</p> <p>While the votes may be there in the House to support iGaming, the Senate has been a more difficult body to convince on the policy. There will be work to do on that side for sure. It’s a very short session in Indiana, so things are moving quickly.</p>	<p>End of February: Session Adjournment target</p> <p>Feb 5 is crossover date. Any bill must pass one chamber by this date to be considered in another.</p>	<p>iDEA is working with stakeholders to provide support and data to help secure support for next week’s potential vote.</p> <p>Likely traveling to meet with Senate lawmakers if it passes the House.</p>

<p><b>MAINE</b></p>	<p>On 01/08 the Maine governor signed an iGaming bill that had been sitting on her desk since last summer. The bill gives the state's gaming tribes the exclusive right to offer online gaming. There are 4 tribes who currently have OSB partnerships with mobile operators.</p> <p>For many of our operator members this market opening will not likely result in an opportunity to offer a B2C product in the state. HOWEVER, it does help to build timely momentum as states like Virginia and Indiana consider iGaming legislation. Not to mention a biz opportunity for iDEA's supplier members.</p> <p>Opponents of the bill have pledged to seek to overturn this law by seeking a voter referendum. If they pursue this path it could stall enactment of the law until after the November elections.</p>	<p>Bill becomes effective 90 days after the session concludes. Currently set for April 15, putting enactment in mid July (pending potential challenge)</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor any developments around this new law and coordinate with members if action is needed to maintain it.</p>
<p><b>MARYLAND</b></p>	<p>Del. Vanessa Atterbeary, who has been the champion for iGaming legislation, announced on 12/11 that she is retiring effective immediately so that she can focus on her election to the county board of supervisors. Also the Speaker of House, who had been an iGaming supporter, also announced that she is stepping down from the leadership position.</p> <p>Both of these moves hamper the possibility of iGaming advancing in Maryland this upcoming session.</p>	<p>Session Start – 01/14/2026</p>	<p>We are reaching out to our legislative contacts in MD to discuss how this issue will proceed in light of these significant legislative changes..</p>
<p><b>MASS</b></p>	<p>On 11/13 iDEA participated in a hearing on <a href="#">H4431</a>. The hearing covered several gaming bills including one from Senator Keenan which would impose onerous controls on the industry that aim to curb problem gambling. His bill is <a href="#">S. 302</a>.</p>	<p>Nov 13 – Hearing date</p>	<p>iDEA was an active participate in the hearing both explaining the merits of iGaming and defending against the opponents claims.</p> <p>We are following up with every committee member to continue to be a resource to them</p>

	<p>The discussion around iGaming reflected a mix of support and opposition. iDEA presented on a panel alongside the bill's sponsor and DraftKings, while responsible gaming advocates, unions, and NAAIG voiced their opposition to the measure.</p> <p>You can find a recording of the full hearing <a href="#">here</a> – iGaming discussion begins around the 40:00 minute mark.</p> <p>Lawmakers seemed sympathetic to the RG witnesses who presented, but are genuinely interested in learning more about the scope of problem gambling and what can be done to prevent it.</p>		<p>moving forward.</p> <p>You can read our submitted testimony on the <a href="#">Web Portal</a>.</p>
<p><b>NEW YORK</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Senate</a> and <a href="#">House</a> bills have been re-ordered to the respective gaming committees. Chair Addabbo is the Senate sponsor and Chair Woerner is the House sponsor.</p> <p>Challenges remain with strong opposition from the hotel worker trades and very little leadership coming from the Governor on this issue.</p> <p>Biggest opportunity is to tie iGaming as a pay-for for the ambitious social agenda being pushed by NYC mayor who will have a tremendous amount of influence over the legislature this year.</p>	<p>Session Starts – 01/07/2026</p>	<p>iDEA continues to work with Senator Addabbo closely and we are also engaging with Chair Woerner.</p> <p>We recently submitted written testimony regarding Responsible Gaming. The testimony can be <a href="#">accessed here</a>.</p> <p>We are working on some media to push for iGaming in the coming weeks.</p>
<p><b>OHIO</b></p>	<p>iDEA met with Ohio lawmakers at the NCLGS conference – Rep. Bride Sweeney, Vice Chair of the House Finance Committee &amp; Minority Leader Dani Issacsohn. It was an excellent meeting and we discussed a variety of issues from consumer protection, impact of land-based gaming and revenue potential.</p> <p>Leader Issacsohn called himself an iGaming skeptic, but has become more open to it because of education efforts from iDEA and others. Rep. Sweeney believes that iGaming</p>	<p>Session Starts – 01/05/2026</p>	<p>iDEA's lobbyist has been monitoring the various gaming bills being considered and is also meeting with lawmakers on our behalf.</p> <p>iDEA members who attended the Ohio lawmakers meeting included: DraftKings, FanDuel, Bally's, Aristocrat, Playtech and GeoComply.</p> <p>John Pappas also met separately with Sens.</p>

	<p>should be considered because of the state’s need for tax revenues, however, Democrats and Republicans are divided on how the money should be spent. While Democrats are in the minority in both the House and Senate, we believe securing their support for iGaming will be essential for future passage.</p> <p>Prospects for a bill are not great this next session because the current Governor is strongly opposed to any gambling expansion.</p>		<p>Nathan Manning (iGaming bill sponsor) and Bill DeMora. We had productive conversations with both lawmakers, however, they echoed that moving a bill this next session would be difficult because of the Governor’s opposition.</p>
<p><b>VIRGINIA</b></p>	<p>iGaming bills were introduced this week in Virginia’s House (HB 161) and Senate (SB 118). The bill sponsors were chosen by leadership as the best ones to carry the bills.</p> <p>A summary of the bills can be found on the <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</p> <p>We expect these bill will receive committee action in the coming weeks.</p>	<p>Jan 14 – Session formally begins</p>	<p>IDEA is actively engaging with lawmakers in the state. We will be in Richmond for the upcoming inaugural events and also to meet with lawmakers the week of Jan 19.</p> <p>We had an op-ed supporting iGaming legalization in the Richmond Times Dispatch today, a leading paper in the state. It will also run in print on 01/11.</p> <p>A non-paywalled copy of the op-ed can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

## Legislative Updates: Sports Betting

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<b>ALASKA</b>	<p>On Friday, 5/16 the Labor and Commerce committee held a hearing on <a href="#">HB 145</a>. The hearing can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>. This was a “check the box” hearing to ensure that the issue would remain alive until next session. So nothing will happen again on HB 145 until 2026.</p> <p>The bill would authorize up to 10 sports wagering licenses and impose a tax rate of 20%.</p>	May 21: first session adjourned	iDEA will monitor developments and will remain in touch with the bill sponsor.
<b>GEORGIA</b>	<p>A new champion of sports betting legislation has not yet emerged in Georgia.</p> <p>The Speaker of the House continues to be less than enthusiastic about pushing this policy.</p>	<p>Session Convened: Jan 12, 2026</p> <p>Adjourns: April 9, 2026</p>	iDEA is engaging with stakeholders and sharing perspectives about sports wagering legalization.
<b>HAWAII</b>	We anticipate new sports betting bills to be introduced this year. Last year a bill made it all the way to the final stages, only to die in conference committee on the last day of session.	<p>Session Convened: Jan 21, 2026</p> <p>Adjourns: May 8th</p>	iDEA will monitor developments in Hawaii.
<b>NEW YORK</b>	<p>Several bills have been introduced related to RG and prop bet limitations in NY.</p> <p>We believe that House Chair Woerner intends to bring these bills up for discussion this session.</p>	Session Starts – 01/07/2026	iDEA will engage with lawmakers to raise concerns with these legislative proposal.

<b>WISCONSIN</b>	<p>House Bill 601, is expected to return the agenda in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The bills would leverage IGRA to allow sports bets made by a person located in Wisconsin using a mobile or other electronic device if the server used to conduct the wager is physically located on a federally recognized American Indian tribe's Indian lands and if the sports wager is conducted pursuant to a compact between a tribe and Wisconsin.</p>	Jan 13 – 22: Next floor session.	IDEA will continue to monitor the Wisconsin Legislature.
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## Regulatory Updates

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<b>MARYLAND</b>	<p>Maryland has issued several new proposed regulations related to sports wagering that can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>These new rules posted on 12/15 focus on data security of player information, self exclusions and advertising.</p> <p>We are continuing to engage with the regulator on a proposal to reduce the promotional deduction threshold to 5%. We understand that the rules will be put on hold through the state legislative review committee, but only as a temporary solution.</p>		iDEA has proactively reached out to the Commission and shared our concerns with the proposed amendment.
<b>OHIO</b>	<p>The Gaming Commission has been seeking to update the KYC/ID standards in the state to curb fraud related to identity.</p> <p>They have issued several draft rules since last year and on 01/08 issued their <a href="#">latest draft</a>.</p> <p>This version moves away from the prescriptive and problematic measures that were previously proposed and creates an opportunity for OSBs to have a thorough, risk-based approach, to fraud prevention.</p>	Comment Deadline: 5pm on January 22	iDEA will monitor activity at the OCCC on this matter and weigh-in as needed.