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IDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	IDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ILLINOIS <i>(iGaming + Sports Amendments)</i>	<p>IDEA state lobbyist provided a comprehensive update on the 9/30 member call regarding the supplier licensing fix bill and the potential for iGaming in 2023. A recording of the call can be found on the Member Portal.</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDEA’s Senate passed bill related to correcting the supplier licensing fee could be considered during the veto session (November). • Recent revenue reports from the state show strong tax dollars raised from sports wagering, this will help neutralize arguments that the high license fee is needed to meet budgetary estimates. • Continued outreach to IL stakeholders on iGaming. VGTs have said they will not support any iGaming legislation in 2023. 	November -- veto session.	<p>Our letter to the Governor outlining support for the supplier license fix is being prepared to be sent early in October.</p> <p>IDEA continues to engage with in-state gaming stakeholders to build a coalition of support around iGaming. While in IL, Pappas met informally with the lead lobbyist for the VLT providers. He was adamant that no iGaming bill will advance in 2023.</p>
INDIANA <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>This week, our lobbying team had a meeting with Sen. Ford and Rep. Manning to discuss details surrounding the bill to be submitted for drafting.</p> <p>The intent coming out of the meeting is to touch base at the end of October with the goal of submitting the final version of the bill for drafting in the first week of November. The bill cannot be filed until Organization Day.</p> <p>A couple of central points of the meeting discussion: *Collective intent from Sen. Ford and Rep. Manning to include iLottery and igaming in the same bill. *This concept has also now been supported by the Casino Association and other stakeholders as the best path forward to build momentum for the legislation.</p>	<p>Week of November 20 – Legislative organization day.</p> <p>January 9 – start of session.</p> <p>End of April – Session adjourns.</p>	<p>Our team is actively using the interim session to meet with influential lawmakers and gather support for iGaming.</p> <p>Please read latest update on the Member Portal.</p>

	<p>*Both legislators were supportive of seeking as much co-author support for the bill in the House as we can, specifically from Rep. Mayfield (Vice Chair of the Public Policy Committee) and Rep. Baird (member of the Ways and Means Committee), both of whom are representatives within Sen. Bray's Senate district.</p> <p>Indiana continues to be a top target for iGaming expansion in 2023. Our lobbying team on the ground has provided a comprehensive update on where things stand and next steps during the 09/30 member call. A recording of the call can be found on the Member Portal.</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are working with Senator Ford and Rep. Ethan Manning to finalize legislation for introduction before the start of session. • Identifying lawmakers to co-sponsor the bill from strategic districts and on specific committees. • We plan to push the bill in the House first, given previous opposition from the Senate President. • We are working to neutralize the Sen. President's previous opposition and have a meeting with him soon to discuss. • The IGB released a study this week looking at the impact of iGaming in the state. The study and brief analysis can be found on the Member Portal. 		
<p>MASS (Sports)</p>	<p>On 10/06, the Mass. Gaming Commission held a meeting. Below are the highlights:</p> <p>*A proposed "aggressive launch" timeline with no launch dates before 2023 was presented. However, after much discussion, there were no votes taken on a staggered v. simultaneous launch or a potential timeline or potential launch date. However, there seems to be a push to at least get retail stood up and launched before the Super Bowl. (The Commission recessed the meeting and will reconvene the meeting on October 07th at noon EST.)</p> <p>The Commission did take a couple votes at the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Commission voted to approve the Operator and Vendor Scope of Licensing Initial Scoping Survey. <i>This is due back to</i> 	<p>Oct. 17th-The Operator and Vendor Scope of Licensing Initial Scoping Survey is due.</p> <p>No firm dates announced for launch.</p>	<p>iDEA is closely monitoring developments in Massachusetts and will be providing input to the MGC as they develop rules and regulations.</p> <p>iDEA played a role in shaping the final policies in the bill. Many of the key items we advocated for were adopted by the legislature. You can read a sample of the letter that was sent to all 6 members of the conference committee here: iDEA-Letter-to-Senator-Lesser 6.8.22.pdf (ideagrowth.org)</p>

the Commission by October 17th. Potential operators and vendors are to fill this out.

2. The Commission voted to approve the Regulations Concerning Applications for Category 1, 2 and 3 licenses under emergency procedures.
3. The Commission voted to approve the application forms for Category 1, 2, and 3 licenses under emergency procedures and post them for comment.

You can read a full meeting recap here:

https://ideagrowth.org/legislative_updates/massachusetts-ga-commission-update/

On 09/22, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission held a roundtable with potential online sports betting operators. The Commission was seeking input on whether Massachusetts should institute a staggered online sports betting launch date and if unlimited temporary licenses should be awarded.

Of the potential operators who spoke, the majority prefer limited temporary licenses and a universal start date. However, there were several casino and sports betting operator representatives that already have tethered online sports betting agreements that pitched the idea of three separate universal start dates for each type of sports betting license.

The Commission's Executive Director suggested that each operator submit a potential timeline to the Commission about when they could launch online sports betting if they were to receive a license. It was also suggested that each operator share their plans for the scenario of receiving a temporary license and then shutting down if they don't receive a permanent license.

The Commission now has a dedicated page for sports wagering updates. It is linked here: <https://massgaming.com/about/sports-wagering-in-massachusetts/>

<p>MISSOURI <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i></p>	<p>The effort to revive sports wagering during the special session died this week as we had predicted. The primary reason for introducing the bill was to continue to raise awareness and highlight the fact that Kansas has launched legal sports betting and Missouri continues to be left behind.</p> <p>As we reported last week, the Missouri legislature started a “special session” this week. On Monday, a House Committee held a hearing to discuss the urgent need for Missouri to pass sports betting, especially in light of the recent launch of the Kansas market.</p> <p>Driving the discussion at the hearing, was data from iDEA member GeoComply showing that thousands of Missourians are attempting to access regulated OSBs in Kansas, and that thousands are traveling across the border to place bets.</p> <p>Because the special session is limited on what types of bills can be passed by the legislature, there is a high hurdle for sports wagering to proceed beyond the committee stage.</p> <p>The attention the issue has gotten this past week, helps position it for the 2023 session. The Governor’s office stated they would support a bill next year.</p>		<p>iDEA shared information with Rep. Houx and other lawmakers in advance of the 09/19 hearing.</p> <p>We continue to communicate with lawmakers to provide data an information they can use to advance the legislation during the special session and beyond.</p>
<p>NEW YORK <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>Senator Addabbo is drafting his iGaming bill and is asking for stakeholders to provide input. He hopes that recent fiscal projections, showing a future \$10b deficit for the state, will provide ammunition to get his proposal included in the state budget.</p> <p>Senator has indicated that he will include VLT/Racino establishments in his bill and make them eligible to receive an iGaming license.</p>	<p>Fall – iGaming briefing with Sen. Addabbo and iDEA members.</p> <p>December – reintroduction of iGaming bill.</p>	<p>John Pappas met with Senator Addabbo this week to discuss the future prospects of iGaming.</p> <p>We are providing input on his legislation from earlier this year so it can be prepared for introduction before session which begins in January.</p>

Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Opportunities
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>Earlier this week, the OCCC sent out another reminder about key upcoming deadlines. You can read the reminder here: Sports-Gaming-Deadline-Reminders.pdf ideagrowth.org</p> <p>This week the OCCC approved several conditional licenses for Type A proprietors (master license holders) and select suppliers. A list of approvals can be accessed via the Commission’s licensing page.</p> <p>The OCCC has also sent reminders to all prospective operators about two upcoming deadlines. Key employee applications and holding forms are due October 5th. Compliance materials and standard employee applications are due by November 2nd.</p> <p>Included in the November 2nd deadline are complete, final, and Commission-approved versions of responsible gaming plans, required procedures, house rules, facility plans, geolocation procedures, and equipment test reports.</p>	<p>Oct 5-Deadline for key employees and corp forms.</p> <p>November 2 – Compliance materials must be approved by this date to launch by Jan 1.</p>	<p>iDEA continues to engage with the OCCC on matters related to rulemaking and the launch of mobile sports betting.</p>
MARYLAND <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On 09/22 the MD SWARC and MD Lottery announced that it would approve mobile licenses on a “rolling basis” to accelerate the launch of the market. We reported on this possibility in an earlier update.</p> <p>The announced deadline to submit a SWARC application is Oct 21. While the SWARC has not committed to opening future application windows, information received from the MD Lottery and lawmakers suggests that additional opportunities to apply <i>should</i> become available, particularly, if few of the initial applicants demonstrate ownership diversity – beyond the required personal net worth ownership mandate.</p> <p>More info on the 09/22 SWARC meeting can be found on the Member Portal.</p> <p>Also we recommend anyone seeking an mobile license in Maryland to review the SWARC’s updated Application FAQs.</p>	<p>Oct 21 – Deadline to submit application for mobile license.</p> <p>Late 2022/Early 2023 – likely timeframe for approved operators to launch.</p>	<p>iDEA continues to monitor activity of the SWARC and MD Lottery and also communicates with these bodies as needed.</p>

<p>ONTARIO, CAN <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>The AGCO released proposed revisions to the Registrar’s Standards for Internet Gaming on August 29th for stakeholder input.</p> <p>The Ontario gaming regulator is targeting October 31 deadline for grey market online gaming operators to complete their transition into the regulated market.</p> <p>The AGCO has also submitted new proposed requirements for live dealer games. They would add new technical requirements for the operation of the live-dealer games related to the security of the physical equipment used in the games.</p> <p>Comments must be submitted through the AGCO’s iGaming Engagement Portal by September 19th.</p> <p>iGaming Ontario also released revenue numbers for the first 3 months of launch. A full release of numbers can be found here.</p>	<p>Sept 19th – Comments due on updated Registrar standards</p> <p>Oct 31 – deadline for transition from gray market to legal market.</p>	<p>iDEA has engaged with AGCO/iGO and government agencies throughout the process and continues to reach out on issues of shared industry concern.</p> <p>While the revenue numbers for Ontario are lower than what the industry/public may have expected, we are told that the government views them very favorably based on their expectations.</p> <p>Key factors include that several of the larger brands which had an existing Ontario customer data base did not launch until the latter part of first quarter.</p> <p>The belief is that channelization rates will grow significantly over Q2 and Q3 as the market matures and more companies become fully approved.</p>
<p>KANSAS <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>Kansas sports betting market launched on 09/01. Deemed a “soft launch” it is essentially a full launch with just 6 operators starting.</p> <p>Based on data from iDEA member GeoComply, more than 520,000 geolocation checks occurred within the first 8 hours of launch.</p>	<p>Sept1 – Soft launch</p> <p>Sept 8 – full launch.</p>	<p>iDEA is communicating state Lottery and the Racing and Gaming Commission who will have joint oversight over the rulemaking process and the regulation of sports wagering.</p>