

Legislative Updates: iGaming

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ALBERTA, CAN	<p>Bill 48 has passed paving the way for a competitively run online gambling market and enabling the Minister to move forward with building a regulatory framework.</p> <p>Alberta has been undergoing consultation with industry stakeholders and indigenous groups on regulatory structure. You can learn more about the process and how to participate by visiting this link.</p> <p>They're aiming for the market to launch in "early 2026."</p> <p>We understand via the Canadian Gaming Association the Alberta government will be providing an industry update at G2E. We will share details when available.</p>	Oct Update at G2E	iDEA will continue to monitor the developments in Alberta, and will be engaging with the regulator throughout the rulemaking process.
MARYLAND	Del. Vanessa Atterbeary, who has been the champion for iGaming legislation over the past two years, is set to announce that 2026 will be her last year in the state legislature. While she will remain chair of the Ways and Means committee, her influence over policy is likely to diminish.	Adjourned – 4/07/25	We are reaching out to our legislative contacts in MD to discuss how this issue will proceed in light of Del. Atterbeary decision to not seek reelection.
MASS	New iGaming legislation was introduced by Rep. Muradian. You can view H4431 here . The bill also includes provisions which would prohibit sweepstakes style casino games.		<p>Rep. Muradian told iDEA that he expects a hearing on the bill sometime this fall and would want us to testify.</p> <p>iDEA has testified in support of other iGaming bills</p>

	<p>Key aspects of bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licenses to the 3 existing licensed casinos; each casino can offer up to 3 “skins” + the licensed casino can offer multiple brands under their license. • 15% tax rate • Master license – \$100k fee (5-yr term), renewal fee \$100k • Platform/skin provider license – \$50k fee, 50k renewal • Supplier license – \$15k fee • Live dealer permitted, not required to be hosted in-state if approved under a MISGA compact • No credit card deposits / \$20k daily deposit limit 		earlier this year.
MICHIGAN	<p>The Governor has signed the budget that the Legislature recently passed. Even though there was an effort to increase the online gaming tax rates, this effort was defeated and the online gaming tax rates weren't increased.</p> <p>The Legislature passed the state budget, which included new revenue for road funding. There was an effort to increase the online gaming tax rates as part of the overall road funding plan. Ultimately, this effort was defeated and the online gaming tax rates weren't increased.</p>		iDEA will remain engaged with lawmakers to monitor the tax rate issue.
NEW JERSEY	<p>The DGE has issued new responsible gambling requirements that are based on information the Commission gathered through its “Responsible Gambling Task Force.” The proposed rules can be found on the Web Portal.</p>	November 14 – Comments due.	Please be sure to share this information with your internal RG teams and please let us know if you would like iDEA to provide comments.

	<p>The DGE's Director for Responsible Gaming was a presenter on the iDEA Power Lunch Summit Panel where she discussed these new rules. Some of her remarks about the RG rules are captured in this SBC article.</p>		
NEW YORK	<p>The House Racing and Wagering Committee is holding a hearing to discuss "Combatting Problem Gambling on Mobile Wagering Platforms."</p> <p>The chair of the Committee is new, and we believe this will be a fact-finding effort rather than an inquisition, but we anticipate that there will be online gaming/sports opponents testifying.</p>	Hearing – Oct 29th	<p>iDEA is reaching out to our internal legislative committee and contacts in the state legislature to determine who will be testifying and whether it will be appropriate for iDEA to participate.</p>
OHIO	<p>House and Senate leaders finalized their budget and it did not include any gaming related items. iGaming was not included, neither was VLT expansion, both issues were subject to hearing in the past month.</p> <p>Also notable is that the Governor's effort to increase the sports betting tax rate to 40% was also not included in the budget.</p> <p>iGaming is closed for now, we do expect opportunities to elevate these discussions again later in the session as lawmakers discuss property tax relief.</p>	Legislature is year-round	<p>We are actively engaged with lawmakers and other stakeholders in Ohio through our lobbyist and other strong connections to the state.</p> <p>On 7/10 more than a dozen iDEA members met with Senator Nathan Manning, the lead sponsor of legislation, at NCLGS.</p> <p>He appreciates iDEA as a resource and has committed to consider our recommendations for a "sub-bill" of his current iGaming bill.</p> <p>He said that there was not a clear pathway towards the bill being considered as a standalone. However, the state is likely going to address property taxes in the Fall and this could be an area where iGaming serves as a pay-for,</p>
VIRGINIA	<p>Virginia state lawmakers will hold a second informational hearing on gaming on October 20, 2025. An agenda for this hearing has not yet been</p>	Oct 20 – Interim Study Committee hearing	<p>For the previous hearing iDEA shared data, provided by GeoComply, to state lawmakers that illustrates the size and scope of the illegal online</p>

	<p>made public. General information about the hearing can be found here.</p> <p>During the last hearing on iGaming, lawmakers comments tended to be cautious about legalization, but also concerned that illegal online gaming is occurring today without any consumer protections.</p>		<p>gaming market that already exists in VA.</p> <p>We did not testify at the hearing.</p> <p>We are finding out if it makes sense to try and testify at the 10/20 hearing.</p>
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Legislative Updates: Sports Betting

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ALASKA	<p>On Friday, 5/16 the Labor and Commerce committee held a hearing on HB 145. The hearing can be viewed here. 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.
COLORADO	<p>The Colorado Division of Gaming released its proposed RG rule changes earlier this week. This comes after they announced the impending changes and a Stakeholder Rulemaking Workshop to discuss them Here is a link to the proposed rules.</p> <p>Visit the Web Portal for more information.</p>	Sept 29, 2025 – Rulemaking Workshop	iDEA is monitoring and will review the Stakeholder discussion.
GEORGIA	<p>An interim study committee has been meeting on potential gambling expansion in the state.</p> <p>The next meeting is planned for later in August and it will focus on sports betting legalization.</p> <p>The study committee website can be found here.</p>	Aug 25 – Next study committee meeting	iDEA will outreach with the committee and share perspectives about sports wagering legalization at upcoming hearings.

KANSAS	<p>The Federal and State Affairs Interim Committee held an all day hearing on September 22 that focused on the status of sports wagering in the state. Archived video can be found here. During the hearing some lawmakers pushed that the state would generate more revenue if it moved from a competitive market to a single operator with a higher tax rate. Also, there was discussion of raising the tax rate on the existing marketplace.</p> <p>Several witnesses, including iDEA, pushed back on these policies and presented data showing how the KS market has been successful and is growing.</p> <p>A good summary of the hearing can be found in this article.</p>		<p>iDEA testified at the hearing. Here is our submitted testimony. Our oral testimony starts at approx the 4:48 mark on the archived video.</p> <p>We will continue to engage with lawmakers during the interim. We expect there will be legislative efforts in the 2026 session to alter the market.</p>
NORTH CAROLINA	<p>State lawmakers continue to work on a long-term budget bill, but have only approved a short term budget stop-gap in the interim. This bill does not include any increases to the sports wagering tax. Earlier this year, the Senate passed their own version of the budget that included doubling the tax rate to 36%.</p> <p>The final budget is still not resolved, and while there is no indication that a sports betting tax increase will be included, we are monitoring the negotiations.</p>	<p>Oct 20, 2025 – Lawmakers will return to try and finalize the budget.</p>	<p>iDEA has worked with stakeholders to oppose the House including a tax increase in their budget bill.</p> <p>We sent a letter to legislative leaders and published an op-ed in a local NC media outlet to reinforce our messaging re: tax rate.</p>
NEW YORK	<p>A new bill was introduced called the Fair Play Act, which would bar licensed sportsbooks from banning or limiting wager sizes unless it is tied to responsible gambling or sports integrity concerns.</p>	<p>January – Session begins</p>	<p>iDEA will engage with lawmakers to raise concerns with this legislative proposal.</p>

	The sponsor of the bill is a junior member of the Assembly (first year in office). There is not a Senate sponsor for the bill.		
OHIO	<p>The OCCC has issued an updated proposed rule that would modify how online sportsbook operators must KYC players, including a mandatory “live photo or video analysis” to confirm identity. Once approved, it would apply to all new customers and existing customers would need to be re-verified in this manner within 6mo.</p> <p>More info from the OCCC on this new rule can be found here.</p>	Oct 15 – Comments are due on this proposed rule.	Reminder that iDEA is seeing your feedback on the proposed rule and whether we should be submitting comments on behalf of industry. .

Regulatory Advocacy

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MARYLAND	<p>The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Commission's proposed rule amendment that would reduce promotional deductions to 5% was published in the Maryland Register.</p> <p>You can view the proposed amendment here.</p> <p>Publication in the Register triggers the start of a 30-day comment window.</p>	<p>Sept. 22 – comment window closes</p>	<p>iDEA has proactively reached out to the Commission to share our concerns with the proposed amendment.</p> <p>They have welcomed a meeting with us, but have suggested that it should take place after the comment window closes.</p> <p>We submitted our comment letter on 09/12 and have also formally requested a meeting with the Commission. Here is a link to the letter on the iDEA Web Portal.</p>
MISSOURI	<p>Reminder that the deadline to submit supplier applications is Sept 12. Failing to do so could mean your entity will not be licensed by the Dec. 1 launch date.</p> <p>Other licenses will be awarded later this Fall.</p> <p>All of the applications can be found here.</p>	<p>Sept 12: Deadline for all other applicants</p> <p>Dec 1 – launch date</p>	<p>IDEA will continue to monitor and update</p>