

For Members: Latest state updates highlighted in green

IDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2021

State	Current Status	Key Dates	IDEA Engagement / Opportunities
Florida (sports and iGaming)	<p>On 10/18 a federal judge dismissed one of the three legal challenges brought against the tribal compact.</p> <p>Two other challenges have yet to have a hearing by their respective courts, and hearing dates are set for early November.</p> <p>Meanwhile, under the compact sports betting could have launched on Oct 15, but did not. The Seminole tribe have not announced a launch date, but some speculate that a launch could come before the case(s) are heard in early Nov.</p> <p>The ballot initiative to bring more competition to the FL sports betting market continues to gather signatures.</p>	<p>Per the compact, sports betting could not commence until Oct 15, 2021.</p> <p>Nov 5 – fed court hearing date.</p> <p>Feb 1, '22 – deadline to collect signatures for ballot initiative.</p>	<p>IDEA will continue to monitor developments in Florida regarding the legal challenges to the compact and ballot initiatives.</p>
Indiana (iGaming 2022)	<p>The Casino Association of Indiana is putting on a two-day iGaming seminar for lawmakers and regulators next month.</p> <p>UNLV's Center for Gaming Regulation will be leading the seminar. IDEA will be attending and providing content and support.</p>	<p>Week of Oct 25: First draft of iGaming study.</p> <p>Nov 3-4: Lawmaker seminar on iGaming.</p>	<p>IDEA Growth and the Casino Association of Indiana are jointly funding an iGaming study.</p> <p>We will be participating and supporting the upcoming briefing led by UNLV scholars to educate lawmakers/regulators about iGaming.</p> <p>Our lobbying team continues to meet with lawmakers during the Fall, leading to the 2022 session.</p>
Ohio (Sports)	<p>The Ohio House was not be in session this week, but the conference committee has been meeting to discuss proposed amendments to the sports betting bill.</p> <p>As of writing this, no hearing has been scheduled, but House/Senate leaders have each said in recent days that they still hope to have a bill done before the end of the month.</p>	<p>End Oct/Early Nov – Expected final votes on sports wagering bill.</p>	<p>IDEA is engaging with House / Senate lawmakers and coordinating our efforts with other industry lobbyists.</p>

Virginia (iGaming 2022)	<p>Dan had a call with Sen. McPike on Tuesday morning to talk about iGaming. McPike was the lead Senate sponsor of the sports betting bill in VA. McPike was quite positive on the concept, saying it is more a question of when iGaming will come to VA then whether it will. Like Del. Krizek, he said it was important that the B&M casinos be on board with it, but he definitely seems interested. Dan also spoke with John Maddox at Caesars, who agreed to start the discussion among the casinos.</p>		<p>McPike and Krizek are supposed to meet this week, and McPike promised to bring up iGaming in the discussion. Dan and John Maddox will continue discussion about B&M casinos in VA. Krizek has raised the possibility of holding an informational hearing on iGaming in the ABC/Gaming Subcommittee in January.</p>
Illinois (iGaming & Sports Amendments)	<p>This week the legislature returned for the veto session, however very little work on policy issues was accomplished.</p> <p>It is unclear whether a gaming bill will be considered next week. The Senate would like to reach a deal with the House on what a bill would look like, however, no agreement has been made.</p> <p>Key issues for iDEA include in-person registration and supplier licensing language fixes.</p> <p>Typically, the legislature will make last minute decisions on gaming issues. They are in session from Tue-Thur next week.</p>	<p>Oct – iDEA meeting with key lawmakers.</p> <p>October 19-21 & October 26-28 – Veto Session</p>	<p>On 10/20 iDEA sent a letter to Rep. Rita and Sen. Cunningham urging them to include a date certain expiration for in-person registration.</p> <p>We have also been sharing language to fix the supplier licensing issue.</p> <p>We continue to have meetings with lawmakers who would like to work with us on iGaming and be champions for it in the legislature in 2022.</p>

Other States iDEA is Monitoring

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Massachusetts	<p>Based on information we have received from key Senators we do not believe that a sports betting bill will move forward this year.</p> <p>The House-passed a bill in late summer but the Senate has not made it a priority, and are focused on other legislative matters.</p>	<p>3rd Week in Nov – The legislature will end work for the remainder of the year.</p>	<p>iDEA has been speaking to key Senators including Lesser and Rodrigues, and providing our perspective on several of the outstanding issues.</p> <p>We will continue our advocacy efforts over the fall and winter leading into the 2022 session..</p>

	<p>There are several areas of dissention between the House / Senate including: collegiate betting; tax rate; credit card ban; official league data; integrity fees, and market access.</p>	<p>January 2022 – Legislature returns to work.</p>	
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States in Regulatory Process 2021

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<p>Tennessee</p>	<p>Tennessee is changing regulators from the TN Education Lottery to the Sports Wagering Advisory Council (which was established when the law passed to serve in an advisory capacity to the Lottery).</p> <p>The new regulator is undergoing a review and update of the existing rules.</p> <p>Over the past few weeks operators have testified and urged the Advisory Council to remove the 10% hold mandate.</p> <p>Public comments were due on 10/19.</p>	<p>10/19 – comments were due</p>	<p>iDEA issued substantive comments urging the new regulator to eliminate the 10% hold requirement.</p> <p>To read the comments submitted by iDEA, go to the iDEA member portal.</p>
<p>Connecticut (Sports & iGaming)</p>	<p>Full launch of iGaming (two operators) and sports wagering (three operators) began on October 19th.</p>		<p>iDEA maintains contacts with the regulator should members need counsel.</p>
<p>Louisiana (sports)</p>	<p>Good News! The Department of Revenue rule that we shared in the 09/17 update has been rescinded due to considerable pushback from industry.</p> <p>It is likely that the Department of Revenue will issue a new rule that will align with the federal reporting / withholding standards.</p> <p>On Sept 16th the LGCB released updated rules approved by the Board. They can be found here: http://lgcb.dps.louisiana.gov/regulations_proposed.html</p>	<p>Mid-November launch expected</p>	<p>iDEA remains in communications with the regulator.</p> <p>If you have licensing questions, please contact John Pappas.</p>

Maryland (Sports)	<p>The Maryland Lottery has approved two more retail locations. Governor Larry Hogan is calling on the SWARC for swift approval. However, the SWARC has not indicated whether they will also approve.</p> <p>There is a clear disconnect between the statute and what the AG believes is permissible when it comes to the launch of retail and online betting.</p> <p>We understand there is ongoing policy discussions between the SWARC, MD Lottery and the State AGs office about what type of preferential treatment can be given. The head of the MD Lottery still believes that retail can launch before the end of the year.</p> <p>This is adding additional delays to an already slow-moving process.</p> <p>Additional info on the sports wagering rules/comments and process can be found here: https://www.mdgaming.com/maryland-sports-wagering/</p>	<p>Late Oct – Final regulations expected</p> <p>December – Retail launch of sports betting for 17 named locations</p>	<p>iDEA submitted substantive comments covering several areas of shared concern.</p> <p>iDEA has also reached out to SWARC staff to discuss the timeline for the new disparity and how it will impact the roll-out of online betting.</p> <p>iDEA met with MD Lottery staff at G2E and they expressed concern that SWARC could be taking a more expansive role in approving both retail and online operations, but that they still believe retail can launch before the end of the year.</p>
New York (Sports)	<p>This week the NYGC released a tax matrix that provides tax rates depending on the number of operators in the market. The rate ranges from 35 to 64 percent.</p> <p>Bidders are expected to revise their bids to meet this tax criteria.</p> <p>The NYSC issues this statement on the topic: https://tinyurl.com/c27asvu9</p> <p>We understand that decisions about winning bids could be made in the coming weeks, ahead of the December statutory deadline.</p> <p>Still many outstanding regulatory issues (such as server locations, operations requirements, etc) that have yet to be resolved. So even if awards are given soon, we anticipate several months before operations could be live in New York.</p>	<p>Selection of Applicants before 12/06</p>	<p>We will provide updates to ensure members who need to apply for licenses have the appropriate information.</p>
Ontario, CAN (iGaming)	<p>While Ontario remains in flux, a few things seem to have settled themselves.</p>		<p>iDEA's consultant in Ontario will continue to engage policymakers.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is an evolving sense that the market will not launch December 6th as previously hoped. February 1 (in time for the Superbowl) seems more likely at this point.• It now seems that there will be a fairly seamless and instantaneous transition for those gray market operators who enter the licensed market; there will not be a protracted blackout for such operators.• It now seems that, to the extent the 3% DST applies, it will not apply above the 20% GGR that Ontario seeks to impose• The provincial government has not further distilled any plan to take action to thwart any ongoing gray market after the launch of the legal market, instead believing that nearly all gray market operators will choose the licensed market.		
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