

Legislative Updates: iGaming

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ALBERTA	<p>Alberta govt officials conducted a briefing at G2E to update industry on their progress. While they continue to state their intention to launch the market in the first half of 2026, there are several outstanding issues.</p> <p>They have not yet staffed their office of iGaming (the equivalent of iGO). This office will be responsible for contracting and managing iGaming operations in the province.</p> <p>Intend to have a centralized self-exclusion data-base that will be managed by a 3rd party vendor. Given that this is a new system, there will need to be testing, etc. to ensure its viability.</p> <p>They are in contact with AGCO to get guidance on licensing and regulations, and we still expect their structure to mirror Ontario.</p>	Alberta Cabinet officials will be meeting to finalize policy direction.	iDEA will continue to monitor developments in Alberta, and will be engaging with the regulator throughout the rulemaking process.
MARYLAND	<p>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.</p> <p>While she will remain chair of the Ways and Means committee, her influence over policy is likely to diminish.</p>	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	<p>On 11/13 iDEA participated in a hearing on H4431. 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 S_302.</p>	Nov 13 – Hearing date	<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 here – 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 Web Portal.</p>
<p>NEW JERSEY</p>	<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> <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>	<p>Nov 14 – Comments due.</p>	<p>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>
<p>NEW YORK</p>	<p>On Oct 29 the House Racing and Wagering Committee held a hearing to discuss “Combatting Problem Gambling on Mobile Wagering Platforms.” (Webstream linked)</p> <p>The ED of the NYSGC provided extensive testimony, and it appears that the Commission is considering issuing new RG rules that could mirror what has been proposed in New Jersey. While the ED supports</p>		<p>iDEA submitted written testimony. A full copy of our testimony can be accessed here.</p> <p>We are conducting outreach to lawmakers to share our testimony and to be a resource on this topic.</p>

	<p>policies that empower players to set limits and control play, he does believe there is a role for operators to proactively monitor and intervene.</p> <p>Another topic of interest from the ED's testimony is preventing underage access to betting apps that have been established by an adult. This led to discussions about MFA and biometric validation of users and also to the idea of geofencing schools to prevent students from wagering.</p> <p>There were several academic witnesses as well, including Lia Nower from Rutgers. She discussed the concept of affordability checks and bringing that to the US market.</p>		
<p>OHIO</p>	<p>The Speaker of the House commented recently that he is not prioritizing gaming expansion for the remainder of this session and next.</p> <p>We still believe Ohio is a strong play for the future and are examining opportunities to raise it as the state discusses property tax relief.</p>	<p>Nov 19 – Session adjourns for the year.</p>	<p>Several of the key legislators we intended to invite to a iDEA organized dinner will be unable to participate given their involvement in bills that are being considered over the next 3 weeks. We are now looking to host something in the new year.</p>
<p>VIRGINIA</p>	<p>Virginia state lawmakers held a second informational hearing on gaming on October 20. While the purpose of the hearing was to discuss landbased gaming, Cordish, which is building a casino in VA, also used it to push back against iGaming.</p> <p>Their testimony received some push back from lawmakers who questioned why they oppose iGaming while still profiting from it. You can watch the testimony here.</p> <p>There is growing expectation that Virginia will seriously</p>		<p>iDEA has begun interviewing lobbyists to represent our interests during the upcoming session. We hope to decide on this by the middle of November.</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 Member Portal for more info.</p>	Sept 29, 2025 – Rulemaking Workshop	iDEA is monitoring and will review the Stakeholder discussion.

<p>GEORGIA</p>	<p>The House champion for sports betting announced that he is retiring from office effective immediately. More on the announcement here.</p> <p>We expect that a new lawmaker will step up to take a leadership role on sports betting legislation.</p> <p>Despite this set-back, the Gaming Study Committee, still is working on their report to help inform lawmakers on gambling expansion policy in the state. We expect that report will be available before December.</p> <p>The study committee website is here.</p>		<p>iDEA is engaging with stakeholders and sharing perspectives about sports wagering legalization.</p>
<p>KANSAS</p>	<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.</p> <p>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>View a summary of the hearing in this article.</p>		<p>See iDEA's submitted testimony; oral testimony starts at @ 4:48 mark in 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>

<p>NORTH CAROLINA</p>	<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>
<p>NEW YORK</p>	<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>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.</p>	<p>January – Session begins</p>	<p>iDEA will engage with lawmakers to raise concerns with this legislative proposal.</p>
<p>OHIO</p>	<p>Though previously considered, the OCCC will not ban “micro bets” and is accepting the voluntary limitations that have been agreed to by MLB and sportsbook operators.</p> <p>These types of wagers will be limited to a \$200 and can not be included in a parlay.</p> <p>The Governor, who has been critical of the industry, is supportive of this compromise.</p>		<p>iDEA continues to remain engaged with OCCC and lawmakers on all sports wagering related matters.</p>

<p>WISCONSIN</p>	<p>Senate Bill 592 and House Bill 601 have moved out of Committee's with the House expecting to vote on HB 601 next week. The sponsor of the bill believes he has the votes to pass out of the House chamber.</p> <p>Advancing the bill could be difficult in the Senate, which lacks the needed 17 GOP lawmakers' support</p> <p>Three large tribal entities are pushing in support of the bill, while some OSB operators are opposing as are several conservative groups who have raised constitutional and competitive concerns.</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>	<p>Nov. 11 – 20: Fall floor session.</p>	<p>IDEA will continue to monitor the Wisconsin Legislature.</p>
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Regulatory Updates

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MARYLAND	<p>Maryland has issued several new proposed regulations related to sports wagering that can be found here.</p> <p>The most significant proposal centers on new advertising requirements related to RG messaging. See proposed rule here.</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>	Sept. 22 – comment window closes	<p>iDEA has proactively reached out to the Commission and shared our concerns with the proposed amendment.</p> <p>They welcomed a meeting with us, but suggest it take place after the comment window closes.</p> <p>We submitted our comment letter on 9/12 and have also formally requested a meeting with the Commission.</p>
MICHIGAN	<p>Following federal indictments involving current and former NBA players and coaches, the MGCB issued a statement reinforcing the importance of strong integrity safeguards in Michigan’s regulated sports betting market.</p> <p>The agency highlighted its requirements to uphold integrity and is evaluating whether new ones need to be imposed to respond to the betting scandal.</p> <p>Read the full announcement →</p>		iDEA will monitor activity at the MGCB on this matter and weigh-in as needed.

<p>MISSOURI</p>	<p>Missouri issued several temporary licenses on October 22. Lists of approved operators and suppliers can be found here and here.</p> <p>Once temp license holders provide internal controls and house rules, the Commission will issue an authorization letter for payment providers.</p> <p>On Nov 17, operators that have met these obligations will be able to allow patrons to establish accounts and accept deposits. Live wagering cannot commence until Dec 1.</p>	<p>Nov 17 – account creation and deposits permitted</p> <p>Dec 1 – market launch</p>	<p>IDEA will continue to monitor and update</p>
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