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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>Our iDEA state lobbyist provided a comprehensive update on the Sep. 30 member call regarding the supplier renewal fee fix bill (SB 2973) 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 (January). • 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. 	<p>Jan. 4-10 – lame duck session</p> <p>Jan. 11 – new legislature sworn in</p>	<p>In October, we sent a letter to Gov. Pritzker outlining why his office should support our supplier renewal fee fix bill. A copy of the letter is on the Member Portal.</p> <p>On Nov. 16, our iDEA state lobbyist also met with a representative from Gov. Pritzker’s office to discuss his office’s concern with the bill. Our lobbyist is attempting to meet with another administration official within the next few weeks.</p> <p>Our lobbyist met with House Executive Chairman Bob Rita (and the lead sponsor of the supplier licensing fix bill) on Nov. 28 to discuss passage of the bill during the lame duck session in January. Chairman Rita does not seem inclined to move for passage of SB 2973 as a standalone bill and prefers to deal with the supplier renewal license fee in an omnibus gaming package. Our iDEA team will strategize regarding next steps this month.</p>
INDIANA <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>Rep. Manning is working to identify additional up to three additional co-sponsors to his iGaming bill which is currently being drafted.</p> <p>We understand that consideration is being given to language that would require that “Live dealer studios” be located within the state. This is both Sen. Ford & Manning’s preference as it will help bolster job creation arguments for iGaming.</p>	<p>Nov. 22 – Legislative organization day</p> <p>Dec. 1 – iDEA Member Summit</p> <p>Jan. 9 – new legislature sworn in</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>We have mapped out the likely committees of jurisdiction for an iGaming bill created a list of lawmakers who will support/oppose.</p> <p>Arranging meeting with Manning/Ford to discuss RG/PG components of their bill to get ahead of expected opposition to expanded iGaming.</p>

NEW YORK <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>Senator Addabbo (D) was re-elected and will remain chairman of the Senate gaming committee. Democrats will maintain control of both chambers, but Republicans made gains. In NY, Republican lawmakers have tended to be more favorable to gaming expansion.</p> <p>After his election Senator Addabbo told media, "First and foremost, we'll look at iGaming. That's the priority at this point."</p> <p>Senator is hoping to tie iGaming to the state's budget; however, we expect that to be difficult to achieve unless the Governor's office is 100 percent on board. Newly elected Gov. Hochul (who replaced the ousted Cuomo) has not taken a public position on iGaming.</p>	<p>December – reintroduction of iGaming bill.</p>	<p>John Pappas met with Senator Addabbo this fall 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>
NORTH DAKOTA <i>(iGaming + Sports)</i>	<p>The ND Governor has been negotiating an updated gaming compact with the state's tribes. On Oct. 31, iDEA sent a letter to the Governor expressing our concern with the proposed approach that would give tribes exclusive rights to online gaming via compact. The iDEA letter is on the Member Portal.</p> <p>Our letter made an impression on the Governor and his staff. On 11/02 the Governor announced a new compact agreement that removes the online exclusivity for tribes and reaffirms his commitment to work towards a legislative solution that benefits all gaming stakeholders.</p>		<p>We will evaluate the opportunity to engage in North Dakota during 2023 to push for an iGaming bill.</p>
TEXAS <i>(iGaming + Sports)</i>	<p>On Nov. 14, Sen. Carol Alvarado pre-filed the first TX sports betting ahead of the session that starts Jan. 10, 2023. The resolution, SJR 17, would create the Texas Gaming Commission, and authorize casino gaming and sports wagering.</p>	<p>Jan. 10 – start of new legislative session</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Texas legislature.</p>
VERMONT <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>Earlier this year, the Vermont legislature approved a Sports Betting Study Committee. The Committee met throughout the fall to discuss best practices for sports wagering.</p> <p>On Nov. 22, the Committee conducted its final hearing and announced that it will recommend that the state use competitive bidding, that 2-6 operators should be chosen, and that the tax rates should be determined through competitive bidding with a floor of 20% (i.e., no bids less than 20%).</p>	<p>Dec. 6 – anticipated report to be issued by the Committee</p> <p>Jan. 4 – start of new legislative session</p> <p>May 29 - adjournment</p>	<p>On Nov. 21, iDEA submitted written testimony to the Committee. iDEA's written testimony focused on the importance of a competitive market, reasonable tax rates and appropriate supplier licensing. A copy of the letter is on the Member Portal.</p>

	<p>The Committee intends to consider and finalize a report by 12/6. The hope is that legislation will be drafted based on these recommendations and then go through the legislative process in 2023.</p>		
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Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Opportunities
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>*REMINDER* Dec. 2 deadline for Type A and B licenses to meet the OCCC’s “Equipment, Systems, and Facility Verification Readiness”</p> <p>All proprietors must have their already lab-tested and Commission-approved sports gaming systems and equipment installed and ready for Commission verification by Dec. 2</p>	<p>Dec. 2 – equipment verification deadline.</p> <p>Jan 1 – launch of retail and mobile sports betting.</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 Oct. 27, the Maryland Lottery approved a total of 21 sports wagering applicants: 10 master licensees, 10 operators and one Class B retail.</p> <p>We understand that several mobile and Class B applications (outside of those approved on Oct. 27) are currently under consideration. Those will be approved on a rolling basis by the MD Lottery and then sent to SWARC for approvals.</p> <p>On Nov. 16, SWARC approved the issuance of the 10 master licenses, but did not act on the Class B retail approved the MD Lottery (the 10 operators approved by MD Lottery do not need SWARC approval). SWARC also noted that there were 11 remaining master license applications and 6 remaining Class B retail applications (which includes the one approved by the MD Lottery). The MD Lottery will next conduct a controlled demo of the approved</p>	<p>Dec. 14 – next SWARC meeting</p> <p>Dec. 15 – next regular meeting of the MD Lottery</p>	<p>iDEA continues to monitor activity of the SWARC and MD Lottery and communicates with these bodies as needed.</p>

	<p>applicant's platform to ensure they meet the technical/regulator standards. Once that is concluded, the operators will be issued their license and cleared to launch.</p> <p>On Nov. 23, the MD Lottery launched sports wagering.</p> <p>On Dec. 1., the MD Lottery approved four additional sports wagering applicants: 2 master licensees and 2 operators.</p>		
MASSACHUSETTS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Massachusetts Gaming Commission is currently reviewing all submitted applications for deficiencies and communicating with applicants regarding the same.</p> <p>Category 1 license application reviews start next week. Untethered license application reviews will start at the beginning of January.</p> <p>For retail launch only, marketing affiliates will be registered versus being licensed. There is the possibility that some will be subjected to a higher level of scrutiny. The Commission will work later on amendments to the relevant regulations.</p>	<p>Dec. 5 - public comment hearing For Category 1 license applications</p> <p>Dec. 12 - commission hearing regarding promotional play</p> <p>Beginning of January - review of untethered license applications</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Commission.</p>