

Legislative Updates: iGaming

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ALBERTA	<p>Alberta is seeking board members for a newly created agency — Alberta iGaming Corporation (AiGC) — which will oversee the province’s upcoming regulated online gambling market.</p> <p>The AiGC is the formal vehicle to manage and license private-sector operators for online sports betting and casino / iGaming in Alberta.</p> <p>The public recruitment invites applications for five board positions (including a chair and vice-chair).</p> <p>This is a concrete sign that Alberta’s online gambling initiative is advancing toward real implementation.</p> <p>The expectation is that private operators (similar to how the model works in Ontario) could launch services by 2026.</p>	AiGC Board applications due Dec 10.	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</p>	Nov 13 – Hearing date	iDEA was an active participant in the hearing both explaining the merits of iGaming and defending against the opponents claims.

	<p>gambling. His bill is S. 302.</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>We are following up with every committee member to continue to be a resource to them 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 “Combating 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</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>issuing new RG rules that could mirror what has been proposed in New Jersey. While the ED supports 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 House unanimously passed HB475, which authorizes online raffles in Ohio. The bill allows only for charitable organizations to offer online raffles and creates some limited controls related to age and identity verification, as well as caps on prizes. The bill also prohibits online raffle platforms to resemble a slot machine in anyway.</p> <p>The House has adjourned for the year, though they may return in December. However, it is not expected that this bill will advance in the Senate until next year.</p>	<p>Nov 20 – Session adjourned</p>	<p>IDEA's lobbyist has been monitoring the online Raffle bill and other gaming related items for us. We did not weigh-in at this time.</p> <p>We are scheduled to meet with Ohio lawmakers at NCLGS at 10:30am on Dec 12.</p>
<p>VIRGINIA</p>	<p>Virginia lawmakers are preparing iGaming bills for consideration during next session. Sponsors and co-sponsors are being lined up.</p> <p>In the House and Senate, we expect these bills to be introduced prior to the start of session, which formally</p>	<p>Jan 14 – Session formally begins</p>	<p>Our lobbyist is already connecting with stakeholders and working with lawmakers to secure support/sponsors for the iGaming bills.</p> <p>We will be going to Richmond soon to begin meeting with lawmakers.</p>

	<p>begins Jan 14. While the legislative leaders are generally supportive of this, there is much work to be done to neutralize the opposition of Cordish/Churchill and the faith-based groups.</p> <p>iDEA has engaged a local lobbyist who is helping us connect with local lawmakers so we can be a resource and have seat at the table for iGaming discussions this session.</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>	<p>May 21: first session adjourned</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor developments and will remain in touch with the bill sponsor.</p>
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>	<p>Sept 29, 2025 – Rulemaking Workshop</p>	<p>iDEA is monitoring and will review the Stakeholder discussion.</p>

<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>

WISCONSIN	<p>House Bill 601, which was expected to be voted on this week, has been postponed. When lawmakers reconvene in January, this bill could be brought up.</p> <p>In addition to the bill facing criticism in the Senate, a coalition of conservative lawmakers came out in opposition to the bill, citing constitutional 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>	Jan 13 – 22: Next floor session.	iDEA will continue to monitor the Wisconsin Legislature.
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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.