

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, announced on 12/11 that she is retiring effective immediately so that she can focus on her election to the county board of supervisors. Also the Speaker of House, who had been an iGaming supporter, also announced that she is stepping down from the leadership position.</p> <p>Both of these moves hamper the possibility of iGaming advancing in Maryland this upcoming session.</p>	Session Start – 01/14/2026	We are reaching out to our legislative contacts in MD to discuss how this issue will proceed in light of these significant legislative changes..
MASS	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	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>the industry that aim to curb problem 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 YORK</p>	<p>With down-state casino licenses nearly determined and with the sweepstakes prohibition bill signed into law, Senator Addabbo believes that the state is ready to embrace legalized iGaming.</p> <p>However, serious opposition remains from the Hotel Trade Workers Union and they will have influence over Gov. Hochul during an election year. At this point, it seems unlikely that Hochul will include iGaming in her budget.</p>	<p>Session Starts - 01/07/2026</p>	<p>iDEA recently submitted written testimony regarding Responsible Gaming. The testimony can be accessed here.</p> <p>We are speaking with lawmakers ahead of session.</p>
<p>OHIO</p>	<p>iDEA met with Ohio lawmakers at the NCLGS conference – Rep. Bride Sweeney, Vice Chair of the House Finance Committee & Minority Leader Dani Issacsohn. It was an excellent meeting and we discussed a variety of issues from consumer protection, impact of land-based gaming and revenue potential.</p> <p>Leader Issacsohn called himself an iGaming skeptic, but has become more open to it because of education efforts from iDEA and others. Rep. Sweeney believes that iGaming</p>	<p>Session Starts – 01/05/2026</p>	<p>iDEA's lobbyist has been monitoring the various gaming bills being considered and is also meeting with lawmakers on our behalf.</p> <p>iDEA members who attended the Ohio lawmakers meeting included: DraftKings, FanDuel, Bally's, Aristocrat, Playtech and GeoComply.</p> <p>John Pappas also met separately with Sens.</p>

	<p>should be considered because of the state’s need for tax revenues, however, Democrats and Republicans are divided on how the money should be spent. While Democrats are in the minority in both the House and Senate, we believe securing their support for iGaming will be essential for future passage.</p> <p>Prospects for a bill are not great this next session because the current Governor is strongly opposed to any gambling expansion.</p>		<p>Nathan Manning (iGaming bill sponsor) and Bill DeMora. We had productive conversations with both lawmakers, however, they echoed that moving a bill this next session would be difficult because of the Governor’s opposition.</p>
<p>VIRGINIA</p>	<p>iDEA met with Del. Paul Krizek during the NCLGS conference. Del Krizek is considered to be a leading voice on gaming issues in the Virginia House. He could be placed as the Chairman of the House committee that has oversight on iGaming, or at a minimum will retain a key leadership position on that committee.</p> <p>He is optimistic about iGaming this upcoming session and that it could be tied to a bill that establishes a new gaming commission and that it could include a delayed start for iGaming until the Commission is fully established. He noted that there would be well funded opposition from Cordish/Churchill and the faith-based groups.</p> <p>He also wants to make sure that iGaming does not impact the success of Virginia’s online lottery. He asked whether industry would support a compromise that would authorize online table games and poker, but phase in online casino slot games.</p> <p>We are working to get his data on how iGaming and iLotto coexist, and we did not commit to supporting his suggested compromise, but we did warn him that such an approach would greatly limit the revenue potential and not address legal access to the most popular games.</p>	<p>Jan 14 – Session formally begins</p>	<p>The bills are currently being drafted by legislative services and should be finalized by the first week of January.</p> <p>Our lobbyist is connecting with stakeholders and working with lawmakers to secure support/sponsors for the iGaming bills.</p> <p>We have drafted an op-ed to be placed in the new year to position iGaming favorably ahead of the legislative session.</p> <p>We are coordinating with lawmakers on their bill introduction to ensure that our messaging aligns.</p> <p>We will be going to Richmond after the new year to meet with lawmakers.</p>

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>MICHIGAN</p>	<p>Two bills were introduced at the end of session that would place restrictions on gambling advertising. The bills are SB 713 and SB 714. The bill sponsor has also been pushing for tax increases on sports and iGaming.</p> <p>These bills may get some consideration in the Senate next year, but we understand they do not have support in the House.</p>	<p>Session Starts – 01/14/2026</p>	<p>iDEA is working with stakeholders to oppose these new bills and any efforts to increase tax rates.</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>These new rules posted on 12/15 focus on data security of player information, self exclusions and advertising.</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>		<p>iDEA has proactively reached out to the Commission and shared our concerns with the proposed amendment.</p>
MICHIGAN	<p>Following federal indictments involving current and former NBA players and coaches, the MGCGB 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>		<p>iDEA will monitor activity at the MGCGB on this matter and weigh-in as needed.</p>