

Legislative Updates: iGaming

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<p>ALBERTA</p>	<p>Alberta has now officially opened the pathway for regulated iGaming and sports betting. The AGLC has begun accepting registration applications from interested iGaming operators and service providers. Geolocation providers, affiliate marketers, and PSPs are not required to be licensed.</p> <p>The market will have many similarities to Ontario with respect to ad restrictions and RG. There will be an Alberta specific self exclusion program that operators are required to integrate. There are operational similarities too, including the need to enter into a commercial operating agreement with the Alberta iGaming Corporation (AiGC), the agency that will manage and oversee the competitive market.</p> <p>There will be an 80/20 NGR revenue split between the province and operators, but after 3% (first nations) and 1% (RG) are removed from GGR.</p> <p>Alberta is running a first-come, first-served application regime, meaning early applicants may secure competitive advantages ahead of go-live</p> <p>Helpful Links:</p> <p>Standards and Technical Standards</p> <p>Application Guide</p> <p>iGaming Strategy</p>	<p>No firm date has not yet been set, expected to launch later in 2026</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor developments in Alberta, and provide updates. .</p>
<p>ILLINOIS</p>	<p>Bills have been introduced in the House and Senate to authorize iGaming.</p>	<p>May 31 - Session Adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the bills and will seek to testify should there be a hearing.</p>

	<p>The bills would permit land-based casinos to offer iGaming directly or through up to three platform partners, but restrict any casino that has cut more than 25% of its workforce from obtaining a license.</p> <p>The bill has a 25% tax rate. \$250,000 initial internet gaming license; \$100,000 renewal; \$100,000 management service provider license; \$75,000 supplier license.</p> <p>Similar bills have been introduced in previous session, and have not advanced beyond the Committee.</p> <p>The opposition from the VLT industry remains, and also from organized labor. Two powerful constituencies in the state.</p> <p>No Hearing has been set for these bills</p>	<p>April 17 – crossover deadline for bills to have passed one chamber or another.</p>	
<p>INDIANA</p>	<p>In a surprising move, the House did not approve the iLottery bill, thereby killing any mobile gaming expansion efforts for the year.</p>	<p>End of February: Session Adjournment target</p>	<p>iDEA is monitoring the situation and connecting with local stakeholders to continue to advocate for iGaming.</p>
<p>MAINE</p>	<p>On 1/08 the Maine governor signed an iGaming bill that had been sitting on her desk since last summer. The bill gives the state’s gaming tribes the exclusive right to offer online gaming. There are 4 tribes who currently have OSB partnerships with mobile operators.</p> <p>For many of our operator members this market opening will not likely result in an opportunity to offer a B2C product in the state. HOWEVER, it does help to build timely momentum as states like Virginia and Indiana</p>	<p>Bill becomes effective 90 days after the session concludes. Currently set for April 15, putting enactment in mid July (pending potential challenge)</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor any developments around this new law and coordinate with members if action is needed to maintain it.</p>

	<p>consider iGaming legislation. Not to mention a biz opportunity for iDEA's supplier members.</p> <p>Opponents of the bill have pledged to seek to overturn this law by seeking a voter referendum. If they pursue this path it could stall enactment of the law until after the November elections.</p> <p>The Chair of the Gaming Commission testified this week, that barring any disruption of the enactment of the bill the market should be operational in early 2027.</p> <p>This week, one of the state's non-tribal owned casinos filed a lawsuit claiming race-based discrimination for only including tribes to offer iGaming. More on the lawsuit can be found here.</p>		
<p>MARYLAND</p>	<p>Bills have been introduced in the Senate and House related to iGaming. Sen. Watson bills are SB 885 (iGaming and iBingo), SB 884 (iPoker only) he also has a bill which is required to create language for a ballot referendum. The House bill intro'd by Del. Young is HB 1343, and is based of the Del. Atterbeary bill debated last year.</p> <p>A summary of the SB 885 is on the Member Portal</p> <p>We are still putting chances of passage of the bills as LOW, but are working to ensure that iGaming is well positioned during the hearing process.</p>	<p>March 11 – Hearing in Senate Budget Committee of iGaming bills</p>	<p>We are engaging with Senate and House members and will be heading to Annapolis to do meetings. We will plan to testify on the bills.</p>
<p>MASS</p>	<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>	<p>Nov 13 – Hearing date</p>	<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</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>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>MICHIGAN</p>	<p>This week the Governor proposed in her budget increasing the iGaming tax rate. The current progressive tax rate ranges from 20-28%, under the Gov's proposal, the high end would increase to 36%.</p> <p>House Republicans have expressed concerns over the proposed budget including the iGaming and Sports (see section below) tax rate increases.</p>		<p>iDEA is well positioned to engage on this bill and our team is already speaking with lawmakers.</p>
<p>NEW YORK</p>	<p>Senate and House bills have been re-ordered to the respective gaming committees. Chair Addabbo is the Senate sponsor and Chair Woerner is the House sponsor.</p> <p>Challenges remain with strong opposition from the hotel worker trades and very little leadership coming from the Governor on this issue.</p> <p>Biggest opportunity is to tie iGaming as a pay-for for the ambitious social agenda being pushed by NYC mayor who will have a tremendous amount of influence over the legislature this year.</p>	<p>Session Starts – 01/07/2026</p>	<p>iDEA continues to work with Senator Addabbo closely and we are also engaging with Chair Woerner.</p> <p>We recently submitted written testimony regarding Responsible Gaming. The testimony can be accessed here.</p> <p>We are working on some media to push for iGaming in the coming weeks.</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 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>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. 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>HOUSE: A substitute version of HB 161 is scheduled to be voted out of the House Appropriations Committee on 2/13. We expect it to pass, which would then make it eligible for House floor consideration next week ahead of cross over deadline. This bill will be different than the Senate version.</p> <p>SENATE: SB 118 will be up for final passage on 02/16. The team is working to secure the votes needed for passage and the patron is working on her colleagues as well.</p> <p>OVERALL: Our goal at the moment is to get one or both bills to pass their respective chambers. This keeps iGaming alive through the end of session, however, signals from key leaders have indicated that we may need to come back next year to pass the bill.</p>	<p>02/13 – House Approps hearing/vote</p> <p>02/16 – Full Senate on Final Passage.</p> <p>Feb 18 – Crossover deadline. Bills would need to pass either the House and Senate by this</p>	<p>iDEA team and our lobbyist have been on the ground meeting with lawmakers this week to educate on the bill and secure passage out of the House Committee and the Senate.</p>

		date for continued consideration.	
WEST VIRGINIA	Legislation has been introduced in the House to raise the iGaming tax rate from 15% to 25% (similar bill has been introduced for sports betting. You can view HB 4397 here .)	March 14 – Session adjournment	iDEA has connected with Senator Jason Barrett, who is the chair of the Senate Finance Committee. His committee would have ultimate say in this bill advancing to become law. He is not a supporter of this bill.

Legislative Updates: Sports Betting

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ARIZONA	<p>In Arizona, the Governor has proposed increasing the sports betting tax rate from 10% to 45% in her budget proposal announced last week.</p> <p>Though not all are specific to the sports tax increase, there is already sweeping opposition to her budget in its entirety from the Republican-led legislature. The Governor is a Democrat while Republicans control both the House and Senate.</p> <p>Though the budget process is in the very early stages, ultimately some increase of the tax rate is expected in a final product.</p>	<p>June 30, 2026 – Deadline for state to finalize budget.</p>	<p>iDEA is monitoring the situation and coordinating with stakeholder. We will engage as we have in other states to successfully hold back large tax increases.</p>
GEORGIA	<p>A sports betting bill was re-introduced this week, by Rep. Hatchett, HB 910. This bill does not require a constitutional amendment. While a preferable approach, it has run into opposition as lawmakers believe that this should ultimately go to the ballot.</p> <p>The Speaker of the House continues to be less than enthusiastic about pushing this policy.</p>	<p>Session Convenes: Jan 12, 2026</p> <p>Adjourns: April 9, 2026</p>	<p>iDEA is engaging with stakeholders and sharing perspectives about sports wagering legalization.</p>
HAWAII	<p>HB 2570 advanced out of a House Committee, but faced stiff opposition for local law enforcement and regulatory agencies.</p>	<p>Session Convenes: Jan 21, 2026</p> <p>Adjourns: May 8th</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor developments in Hawaii.</p>

<p>MARYLAND</p>	<p>HB29 was subject to a hearing on 02/05. The Lottery/Gaming Commission supports the bill which would give them broad authority to limit promotional deductions.</p> <p>HB 46 is a bill that would create a pilot program, requiring operators to geofence certain areas of select college campuses. This is being proposed to evaluate if it can be a way to prevent underage gambling and problem gambling on college campuses. This bill was subject to a hearing earlier this year, but was then removed from the hearing calendar. It has not been rescheduled.</p>	<p>April 13 – Adjournment date</p>	<p>iDEA is engaging with lawmakers on these proposals.</p>
<p>MICHIGAN</p>	<p>As part of the budget, the Governor is proposing removing promotion deductions for sports wagering and also imposing a per wager (.25 and .50 cent) tax on sports bets. Currently, sports wagering tax rate in MI + full deductibility makes it one of the lowest effective tax rates in the country.</p> <p>House leaders have expressed concern over the Gov's budget including any effort to increase gaming taxes.</p>		<p>iDEA will be engaging with lawmakers to oppose the tax increases.</p>
<p>MISSISSIPPI</p>	<p>HB 1518 passed the House on 02/04. Similar legislation was passed in the past three legislative session in the House, but has been blocked in the Senate.</p> <p>The Senate Gaming Chair continues to oppose mobile sports betting legalization.</p> <p>The bill amends the constitution, thereby it requires a 3/5 yes votes to pass.</p>	<p>Session Adjourns: April 4, 2026</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor developments in MS.</p>

	<p>NaaiG has come out to oppose mobile sports betting expansion. This is the first time they have focused their opposition on a sports-only state.</p>		
NEW YORK	<p>This week the Gaming Commission announced it is reviewing all player prop bets and same-game parlays and it will consider eliminating some bet types based on the results.</p> <p>They also sent a letter (linked) to sports leagues reminding them to formally request limitations on certain wagers if they feel that is the right thing to do.</p> <p>Legislation is pending in the House that would restrict “in-play” and “prop bets.”</p>	<p>Session Starts – 01/07/2026</p>	<p>iDEA will engage with lawmakers to advise on these legislative and regulatory proposals.</p> <p>We’ve connected with Senator Addabbo to discuss iGaming and defensive strategy on sports betting.</p>
SOUTH CAROLINA	<p>Senate Bill 444 (linked) has carried over from last session and will be up for a Committee hearing later this month.</p> <p>Legislation to establish land-based casinos has already died in the legislature, but sports wagering has stronger support.</p>	<p>Feb 18 – Hearing on bill (link to notice)</p>	<p>iDEA will be monitoring the bills and providing updates.</p>
SOUTH DAKOTA	<p>Legislation to put sports betting legalization on the ballot this November passed out of the Senate 23-10.</p> <p>SJR 504 would require tethering with Deadwood casinos and that servers must be located within the city of Deadwood. If approved by the voters in November, the legislature would still need to come back next year to pass implementing legislation.</p>	<p>Late February – House hearing on the bill.</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the legislation.</p>

	The Bill now crosses over into the House, where support is less certain.		
WISCONSIN	<p>House Bill 601, is expected to return the agenda in the coming weeks.</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.

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>
OHIO	<p>The Gaming Commission has been seeking to update the KYC/ID standards in the state to curb fraud related to identity.</p> <p>They have issued several draft rules since last year and on 01/08 issued their latest draft.</p> <p>This version moves away from the prescriptive and problematic measures that were previously proposed and creates an opportunity for OSBs to have a thorough, risk-based approach, to fraud prevention.</p>	<p>Comment Deadline: 5pm on January 22.</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor activity at the OCCC on this matter and weigh-in as needed.</p>