

Legislative Updates: iGaming

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<p>ILLINOIS</p>	<p>This week the Governor presented his budget. iGaming was not included but he is open to all avenues to increase taxes and has said the iGaming is "worthy of consideration." There is an opportunity to insert iGaming into the budget negotiations that will begin soon.</p> <p>Identical iGaming bills have been introduced in the House (HB3080) and Senate (SB1963). legislation text here. Quick summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% tax on AGR (excludes promos) • 250k license fee / 100k renewal for internet gaming licensee • An internet gaming licensee can have up to 3 skins. • Service provider (skin) 100k license, unless already licensed as a service provider in the state for gaming, the its 50k • Supplier license 75k, unless already a supplier, then 50k. Renews at 50k every 4 years. • an internet gaming licensee cannot be anyone who has reduced their workforce by 25% since Feb 2020, nor can a license be renewed if they reduce their workforce by more than 25% after being licensed for iGaming 	<p>Adourns: 05/31/25</p>	<p>iDEA is reaching out to sponsors and will be engaging with stakeholders and lawmakers over the coming weeks. We have not engaged a lobbyist in the state.</p>
<p>INDIANA</p>	<p>On 02/13 the Speaker of the House announced that there was not sufficient consensus from industry to continue to advance an iGaming bill this session.</p>	<p>Feb 20 – Crossover deadline to pass bills in the House.</p>	<p>We continue to engage with the bill sponsor and other stakeholders to see if any windows of opportunity open.</p>

	<p>This is a clear set back and we believe it makes it very unlikely for iGaming to advance, even if added to another bill later in the session.</p>		
<p>LOUISIANA</p>	<p>iDEA testified at the Louisiana Senate Committee hearing on iGaming on 12/11 alongside other members, including Light & Wonder, Boyd, and Fanatics.</p> <p>Opposition also voiced their views, including representatives from Cordish (opening a casino in Louisiana next year), the Video Poker industry (a prominent stakeholder in the state), and The Campaign for Fairer Gambling.</p> <p>Following testimony from Cordish and the Video Poker representative, iDEA had the opportunity to refute their claims and highlight that Cordish is already a proud operator of online casinos in Pennsylvania. Read this for a recap of the hearing. With the legislative session not starting until April, we have ample time to build on today's momentum and continue delivering our message.</p> <p>You can view the hearing here.</p>	<p>Session Starts – 04/14/25</p> <p>Session Adjourns – 16/12/25</p>	<p>iDEA is working with lawmakers and other industry stakeholders to advance legislation during the legislative session which starts in April.</p> <p>We are following up with members of the Committee who participated in the 12/11 hearing with additional information and studies to help bolster iGaming.</p>
<p>MARYLAND</p>	<p>House Ways and Means held a hearing on iGaming bill 02/10. iDEA testified in support, but with amendments. link to watch the video. Delegate Atterbeary presented the bill at the 17-min mark, and our panel starts at 42:30. Our panel testified for over an hour.</p> <p>Key takeaways from the hearing:</p> <p>Opposition Themes: Addiction concerns and cannibalization/job loss remain central.</p>	<p>Adjourns – 04/07/25</p>	<p>iDEA will be returning to Annapolis soon to continue to meet with lawmakers and stakeholders</p> <p>We are working with other stakeholders to connect with other advocacy groups that are negatively impacted by the state's budget crisis to see if they will support iGaming as a budget solution.</p>

	<p>New Study: The National Association Against iGaming (Cordish, Churchill, Monarch, etc.) commissioned The Innovation Group to update their study, now claiming a 16% cannibalization rate. Their math: land-based revenues fell 4% in iGaming states but grew 12% in non-iGaming states. You can view their study here.</p> <p>MD Outlook: iGaming remains viable as a revenue solution for the budget gap. A key discussion in the hearing was removing the referendum requirement to expedite revenue (avoiding a ballot vote). This hinges on the AG's opinion, which may require a push from the Governor/legislative leadership. However, doing so would limit licenses to casinos, potentially shifting current supporters to opponents.</p>		<p>Del Atterbeary said she is speaking with the state AG about eliminating the need for a ballot measure.</p>
<p>NEW YORK</p>	<p>We spoke with Senator Addabbo on 01/27 about his bill (see bill summary on the Member Portal).</p> <p>He views that the most likely path for it is to be part of the budget. There continues to be opposition from the trade unions who, to date, have been unwilling to negotiate on what they would like to see in the bill.</p> <p>The continued delay in the downstate land-based casino licenses also is an issue that could hold up meaningful discussion of iGaming this session.</p>	<p>Session Started – 01/08/25</p> <p>April 1 = Deadline for budget approval</p> <p>Adjourns – 06/13/25</p>	<p>iDEA continues to monitor developments and continues to engage with key lawmakers.</p>
<p>WYOMING</p>	<p>Unfortunately, despite strong support from several stakeholders, the iGaming bill died this week in Committee. After hearing about 2 hours of testimony (including testimony from iDEA) the chair asked for a 2nd to bring the bill to a vote, and it was not seconded. This is quite a stunning result since as of last week, we</p>	<p>End of March – Session adjourns.</p>	<p>iDEA testified at the Committee hearing.</p> <p>We have concluded our lobbying contract in Wyoming.</p>

	<p>had information that a majority of the Committee was supportive of the bill and that it would clear this hurdle with no issue.</p> <p>The bill and more info is available on the Member Portal.</p>		
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Legislative Updates: Sports Betting

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<p>GEORGIA</p>	<p>A constitutional referendum bill was introduced this week which would give Georgia voters the ability to approve the legalization of sports betting and land-based casinos. The bill can be found here.</p> <p>While this bill is a cleaner approach to legalization, it needs a higher threshold of support in the legislature to get to the ballot.</p>	<p>Adjourns: 04/03/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor activity.</p>
<p>MINNESOTA</p>	<p>On Feb. 13th, the Senate State and Local Government Committee held a hearing on two of the competing sports betting bills...SF 757 and SF 978.</p> <p>SF 757, sponsored by Senator Klein, had the support from the various entities that are crucial to sports</p>	<p>Session Adjourns – 05/19/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.</p>

	<p>betting legislation passing (Minnesota's tribes, horse tracks, and charitable gaming operators). However, the bill didn't advance out of Committee. The Committee vote to advance the bill was 6-6, which is an insufficient number of votes to advance the bill. The other sports betting bill on the Committee agenda (SF 978) was tabled. This was the first committee hearing for these bills. In Minnesota, bills have to go through multiple committees before advancing to the full chamber.</p> <p>This is a significant set-back, but it isn't necessarily the end of the legislative effort for sports betting in Minnesota this session, which ends in May. There is another sports betting bill that has previously been introduced and other bills can be introduced. And Sen. Klein can continue to work on this issue. However, for any bill going forward, there will have to be changes made (and differences in bill language) to what was in Sen. Klein's bill to get the necessary votes. It remains to be seen what effect these changes will have on the support from the crucial entities needed to pass sport betting legislation.</p>		
<p>MISSISSIPPI</p>	<p>HB 1302 (Rep. Eure's sports betting bill) was officially referred to the Senate Gaming Committee. We don't anticipate the bill moving through the Senate as quickly as the bill moved through the House.</p>	<p>Adjourns – 04/04/25</p>	<p>iDEA will be reaching out to the Senate Gaming Committee Chair. iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature.</p>

<p>NEBRASKA</p>	<p>HB 241 was introduced last week to authorize mobile sports betting. Bill can be found on the Member Portal.</p> <p>The bill would permit up to 6 online sports betting operators (tethered to landbased casinos). \$5m one time licensing fee and a 20% tax rate.</p> <p>State leaders, including the Governor, have signaled support because they want to use the revenue to offset property taxes.</p>	<p>Hearing: 03/10/25</p> <p>Adjourns: 05/31/25</p>	<p>iDEA will be monitoring legislative activity.</p>
<p>TEXAS</p>	<p>This week Lt. Gov Dan Patrick threatened to end the state lottery over his ongoing concerns about their operations in the state. While not directly related to sports betting it is a strong indicator that he is more likely to pursue gambling contraction rather than gambling expansion in Texas.</p> <p>Bills to legalize sports betting (HJR 134) and casino gambling and sports betting (HJR 137) have been introduced in the Texas Legislature. If passed, they would then go on the ballot.</p> <p>HJR 134 would authorize sports betting only through specific entities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) professional sports teams in existence as of Jan. 1, 2025; (2) professional golf organizations that held sanctioned tour events in Texas prior to Jan. 1, 2025; (3) class 1 racetracks in operation on that date. <p>HJR 137 would impose a tax on casino gaming and sports wagering not to exceed 15 percent. It would</p>	<p>Session Started: 01/14/25</p> <p>Adjourns: 06/02/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Texas Legislature.</p>

	also require the state to negotiate compacts with the 3 federally recognized Indian tribes to allow Class III gaming on tribal lands.		
WISCONSIN	The Wisconsin Policy Forum released a report detailing the issues that need to be considered prior to expanding sports betting as well as looking at the possibilities of expanding sports betting in Wisconsin. You can read a copy of the report here .	Session Started: 01/07/25 Adjourns; December 2025	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Wisconsin legislature.

iDEA Regulatory Advocacy

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MISSOURI	<p>Some troubling developments in Missouri will likely delay the launch of sports betting. The Secretary of State has rejected the idea that the rules are “emergency” and will force the gaming commission to operate under a traditional rulemaking process. Given this determination, the submitted regulations cannot be considered final until August 30th, thereby pushing the launch of sports betting into Fall 2025 (at the earliest).</p> <p>The rules will now be published on March 17 and will then be subject to a 30-day comment window.</p> <p>A copy of the rules that were submitted can be found here.</p>	<p>Feb 18, rules submitted to Secretary of State.</p> <p>Feb 20, Sect of State says they cannot be considered emergency rules.</p> <p>March 17 – rules will be published in the register, opening a 30-day comment window.</p> <p>Aug 30 – New effective date of rules</p> <p>Fall 2025 – potential launch.</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor and update</p>

