

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>Adjourns: 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>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>We do not expect any major public movement on this issue, as much of the discussion will be happening as</p>	<p>Adjourns – 04/07/25</p>	<p>iDEA will be returning to Annapolis next week 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>part of leadership evaluating whether iGaming can be included in the budget.</p> <p>Next week the House will be discussing a bill that would expressly prohibit online sweepstakes.</p>		
MASS	<p>We've added Massachusetts to our watch list of states. As of today a House and Senate bills have been introduced to authorize iGaming.</p> <p>The identical bills would impose a \$5m licensing fee (5 year renewal) and a 20% tax rate. There would be up to 10 online licenses available: 6 tethered to land based casinos and 4 untethered.</p> <p>We are expecting another bill to be introduced by Rep. David Muradian. He has been a longtime champion and was one of iDEA's panelists on our Power Lunch Summit last year.</p> <p>Recently, the CEO of Wynn, which has a land-based casino in MA, raised concerns over iGaming and its impact on the land-based business. If a bill is going to advance it will need to do so over his objections.</p>	11/19/25: target adjournment date	<p>MA has a full year legislative session, but discussions on the budget are ongoing. With expected shortfalls, this could open the door for more serious consideration of iGaming.</p> <p>It also presents an opportunity for lawmakers to push for a sports wagering tax increase, which has already been proposed in the Senate.</p> <p>We are starting our engagement with lawmakers and other stakeholders in MA.</p>
NEW YORK	<p>A companion bill to Senator Addabbo's i-gaming bill was introduced in the New York Assembly. The bill number is A6027 and it was introduced by Assemblywoman Woerner. It was referred to the Committee on Racing and Wagering, which Assemblywoman Woerner is the Committee Chair.</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</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>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>		
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Legislative Updates: Sports Betting

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<p>GEORGIA</p>	<p>New bill (S209) was introduced this week to put sports betting under the authority of the lottery, and would bypass the need for a constitutional referendum.</p> <p>We expect that Rep. Wiedower will intro his bill, which has the backing of industry, today or early next week.</p> <p>There would need to be immediate action on his legislation with a 03/06 deadline to pass a bill out of either chamber.</p> <p>On 02/27 a bill that would have given Georgia voters the ability to approve sports betting and land-based casinos failed to advance. The inclusion of casinos in the bill made it a non-starter.</p>	<p>Today/Next Week: introduction of new sports betting bill</p> <p>03/06: Crossover deadline – bills must pass either House or Senate</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</p>	<p>Session Adjourns – 05/19/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.</p>

	<p>978. SF 757, sponsored by Senator Klein, had the support from the various entities that are crucial to sports 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>In what was a strategic shot at the Senate and the Mississippi casino operators that don't support online sports betting, a House bill saw action this week that would increase taxes on Mississippi</p>	<p>March 4-Deadline for committees to report general bills originating in the</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature.</p>

	<p>casinos. While this bill didn't make it out of the House, this bill helps show the stalemate between the House and the Senate on passing an online sports betting bill.</p> <p>Time is running short for the Senate Gaming Committee to act on HB 302 (Rep. Eure's sports betting bill). The deadline for committees to report general bills originating in the opposite chamber is March 4.</p>	<p>opposite chamber</p> <p>Adjourns – 04/04/25</p>	
NEBRASKA	<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>	iDEA will be monitoring legislative activity.
NEW YORK	<p>Assemblywoman Woerner (who is the Chair of the Assembly's Racing and Wagering Committee) introduced a bill that would increase the number of New York online sports betting licenses and would lower the tax rate based on the number of licenses. The bill is A6013 and was referred to the Assembly's Racing and Wagering Committee.</p>	<p>Adjourns – 06/13/25</p>	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the New York Legislature.

<p>TEXAS</p>	<p>Turmoil over the Texas Lottery continues to grow with the agency deciding to prohibit courier lotteries, after permitting them for several years.</p> <p>Despite this move, the Lt. Gov, Dan Patrick, is still threatening to sunset the state lottery. This could be posturing, but it underscores the steep hill sports betting faces.</p>	<p>Adjourns: 06/02/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Texas Legislature.</p>
<p>WISCONSIN</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Session Started: 01/07/25</p> <p>Adjourns; December 2025</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Wisconsin legislature.</p>

iDEA Regulatory Advocacy

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<p>MISSOURI</p>	<p>As we shared last week, the Secretary of State, who is none-other than former State Senator Denny Hoskins (who opposed OSB legalization) has removed the “emergency” designation to the rules, thereby delaying launch for several months. Given this determination, the submitted regulations cannot be considered final until August 30th, thereby pushing the launch of sports betting into late 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>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>

	A copy of the rules that were submitted can be found here		
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