

Legislative Updates: iGaming

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| <p>ILLINOIS</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, then 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>No hearings scheduled yet for either bill. I am told the the state's VGT operators still oppose it due to cannibalization concerns. However, there are cracks in that opposition. Recently, a leading VGT operator said that iGaming and VGTs can "co-exist" during a legislative hearing in Indiana.</p> | <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>We are waiting to learn if a hearing will be scheduled in House Ways and Means. If it is, it will occur the week of 02/10. iDEA will be notified and plans to testify.</p> | <p>Feb, TBD – Hearing and vote in the Ways and Means Cmte.</p> | <p>We are coordinating with the bill sponsor and other stakeholders to advance and improve the bill – notably, we oppose the sports betting tax increase (to 20%) that was included.</p> |

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| | <p>On 01/28 the iDEA testified before the Public Policy Committee in support of iGaming. The bill was passed out of Committee. A comprehensive update on the hearing can be found on the Member Portal.</p> <p>Since the hearing we understand that the bill sponsor is working to secure a hearing and vote in the House Ways and Means Committee. Ideally, the bill can be considered in the full state House by Feb 20th.</p> | <p>Feb 20 – Crossover deadline to pass bills in the House.</p> | <p>Our team will be prepared to testify and engage with lawmakers when the next hearing is scheduled.</p> |
| LOUISIANA | <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> |
| MARYLAND | <p>House Ways and Means will hold a hearing on iGaming bill 02/10. iDEA will be testifying in support, but with amendments.</p> <p>The chair of the committee is the sponsor of the bill.</p> | <p>Feb 10 – House Ways and Means hearing</p> <p>Adjourns – 04/07/25</p> | <p>iDEA continues to meet with lawmakers and stakeholders. Will be testifying at 02/10 hearing.</p> <p>We are working with other stakeholders to connect with other advocacy groups that are</p> |

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| | <p>but we still anticipate several opponents to testify as well. There will not be a vote on the bill.</p> <p>On 02/03, we spoke with the head of the leading teachers union in MD. We educated them on the revenue opportunity from iGaming and how it could help save the education budget which is facing major shortfalls. They can be an influential ally as the budget negotiations continue.</p> <p>There is an effort to remove the constitutional referendum requirement from iGaming. This is critical because the state needs the money now. A referendum couldn't happen until Nov 26, thus, no revenue to the state until 2027 at the earliest. Getting the State AG to issue an opinion that removes this requirement is a big political challenge.</p> | | <p>negatively impacted by the state's budget crisis to see if they will support iGaming as a budget solution.</p> <p>Here are two documents related to the revenue potential from iGaming and how it is complementary to land-based gaming.</p> <p>Revenue Potential</p> <p>Pennsylvania Case Study</p> <p>iDEA Testimony (video)</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</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> |

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| | <p>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 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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| GEORGIA | <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> |
| MINNESOTA | <p>Another sports betting bill has been introduced in the Minnesota Legislature. It is SF 978, introduced by Senator Marty. Senator Marty has been anti-sports betting and held a hearing earlier this</p> | <p>Feb. 13th-Senate State and Local Government Committee hearing</p> | <p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.</p> |

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| | <p>year about the “social harms resulting from online sports betting”. You can read an article about the most recent sports betting bill here.</p> <p>On Feb. 13th, the Senate State and Local Government Committee will hold a hearing on two of the competing sports betting bills...SF 757 and SF 978.</p> <p>A link to the Committee hearing posting can be found here.</p> <p>Also, of note, the Minnesota House has reached a power-sharing agreement that will end the stand-off between the Democrats and Republicans and allow the House to begin to perform its legislative functions.</p> | <p>on two of the sports betting bills</p> <p>Session Adjourns – 05/19/25</p> | |
| MISSISSIPPI | <p>Earlier this week, the Mississippi House of Representatives passed HB 1302 (Rep. Eure's sports betting bill). The bill now heads to the Senate. While the bill moved fairly quickly through the House of Representatives, it isn't expected to move as quickly through the Senate. Last legislative session, the sports betting bill died in conference committee.</p> | <p>Session Started – 01/07/25</p> <p>Adjourns – 04/04/25</p> | <p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature.</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>Session Starts: 01/08/25</p> <p>Adjourns: 05/31/25</p> | <p>iDEA will be monitoring legislative activity.</p> |

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| | <p>State leaders, including the Governor, have signaled support because they want to use the revenue to offset property taxes.</p> <p>We anticipate a hearing in the next few weeks.</p> | | |
| TEXAS | <p>Gov. Greg Abbott recently stated that he has no objection to legalization of sports betting. However, Lt. Governor Patrick (also the President of the Texas Senate) remains opposed and has said he will not move off his opposition until a majority of Republican Senators come out in support of it.</p> <p>Further complicating the situation is the push to legalize land-based casinos. This has even less support than sports betting, however, some businesses who are advocating for it have said they would actively oppose sports betting, if casino legislation does not also advance.</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> |
| WISCONSIN | <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>The Commission has sent their draft rules to the governor for review and sign-off. Once the governor approves, the rules will be open to a 30 day comment window.</p> <p>Versions of the rules were shared with industry earlier in January, where input was made.</p> <p>Launch is not expected until early Summer of 2025.</p> | <p>February TBD – Gov to approve rule and then open a 30 day comment window</p> <p>Spring 2025 – applications and license review process (est)</p> <p>Summer 2025 – Market launch</p> | <p>iDEA is engaging with the Missouri Gaming Commission to ensure our member company perspectives are heard during the regulatory process.</p> |