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Priority States: Legislative iGaming 2024

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
LOUISIANA	IDEA anticipates legislative activity in Louisiana in 2024.	Mar 11, 2024 – session convenes June 3, 2024 -- adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Louisiana Legislature. We are considering hiring a local lobbyist.
MAINE	Jan. 29: The Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee held a work session on LD 1777 and voted to table the bill. This move doesn't necessarily kill the bill. It was stated that more work needs to be done on the bill and now interested parties and stakeholders have some time to work on potential amendments. As of now, no formal work sessions or committee dates have been scheduled. However, if an agreement can be reached, it is still anticipated that the bill will move forward.	April 17, 2024-adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Maine Legislature.
MARYLAND	Rep. Atterbeary, Chair of the House Ways & Means committee introduced a new iGaming bill today. It differs substantially from the Senate bill. A summary of it is available on the Member Portal . We believe that this bill will be the most likely iGaming vehicle and that the house would first vote before the Senate. The bill can be amended during this process. A hearing on the bill has not been scheduled yet.	Feb 28 – Hearing on SB 603 in Senate Budget & Tax Apr 8, 2024 - adjourns	iDEA is actively engaged with House and Senate lawmakers. We have developed key points around tax structure concepts to address lawmakers' equity and inclusion priorities. You can view this document on the Member Portal . Preparing to testify at the Senate hearing. Eilers study is final; plan to release week of Feb 12.

NEW JERSEY	<p>iDEA continues to actively monitor the potential of a gaming tax increase and is working closely with various stakeholders.</p> <p>NJ's Speaker of the House is considering a gaming tax increase. iDEA is actively working to persuade the Speaker otherwise. The New Jersey Gaming Association is also aware of what the Speaker is considering.</p>	Dec 31, 2024 - adjourns	iDEA will monitor activity of the New Jersey Legislature.
NEW YORK	<p>Senator Addabbo has introduced his iGaming bill. A full breakdown of his proposal can be found on the Member Portal.</p> <p>Major headwinds for the bill since the Governor did not include it in her budget and also the recent union opposition. See story here. Unlikely this bill can move a standalone, however, there will be attempts to tie the revenue from iGaming to the final budget.</p>	Jan 16 – Gov budget released	iDEA engaging with Addabbo and other lawmakers. Seeking opportunity to testify at a hearing in the future.

Priority States: Legislative Sports Betting 2024

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ALABAMA	<p>House members, with support of leadership, introduced HB 152, a comprehensive gambling bill that establishes commercial casinos, a state lottery and retail/online sports betting.</p> <p>The bill leaves most regulatory details for sports betting to the discretion of a newly created Gaming Commission. They would decide on the number of licenses, fees, etc. The bill does set a 17% tax rate for sports betting and permits deductions for excise tax and promos.</p> <p>The bill is on an aggressive timeline. We expect hearings, committee votes and vote on the House floor next week.</p> <p>Any bill passed by the legislature will need to be affirmed by the voters in November.</p>	<p>Week of Feb 11 – Cmte hearings/vote and possible full house vote</p> <p>May 20, 2024 – adjourns</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Alabama Legislature.
GEORGIA	<p>The Georgia Senate will consider the referendum bill (as required) as soon as next week. This bill will not change provision within the sports betting that passed the Senate last week, except for where tax revenue from sports wagering will be directed.</p> <p>There is still an effort to pass a bill that removed the constitutional amendment requirement. There have been no developments in the House this week.</p> <p>On Feb 1, the Georgia Senate passed a bill with two major modifications. 1) increased the tax rate from 15 to 20%, 2) added a constitutional amendment (CA) requirement. More information and bill can be found on the Member Portal.</p>	<p>March 28, 2024 – adjourns</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Georgia Legislature.

	<p>The CA requirement means that, if passed by the legislature, voters would need to approve through a referendum in November. The bill now goes to the House, which is more partisan and other larger political issues could eat into support for sports betting. This is magnified during what is expected to be a contentious election year.</p>		
MINNESOTA	<p>MN's legislative session starts next week. Senator Jeremy Miller's previously announced version of an updated sports betting bill will be formally introduced when session starts.</p> <p>We continue to expect multiple versions of sports betting bills to be discussed. It is anticipated that discussion on sports betting legislation will take place relatively early in the legislative session. Ultimately, negotiations between the tribes and the tracks are going to determine what the final bill will be.</p>	<p>Feb 12, 2024 – session convenes</p> <p>May 20, 2024 – adjourns</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.
MISSISSIPPI	<p>On Feb. 1, the full House passed the bill as amended. (Read amendment here.) Some key components of the bill are: 26 licenses tied to the state's casinos, remote registration, and a 12% tax rate. If passed, bill has effective date of July 1, 2024.</p> <p>The bill now heads to the Senate. While it is a good sign that the bill moved through the House quickly, the key continues to be getting the Senate on board.</p>	<p>May 5, 2024 – adjourns</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature.
MISSOURI	<p>We expect the MO House to pass their bill the week of Feb 11, however, it is unlikely to move in the Senate given strong opposition from Sen. Hoskins. This means the ballot initiative could gain more steam in the coming weeks.</p> <p>House hearing held this week on HB2331. Lawmakers conceded that a bill may pass the House (again) but not pass the Senate. The hearing reaffirmed ballot initiative as the only likely path forward for sports betting legalization.</p>	<p>May 8, 2024 – Signatures due to be eligible for the ballot. Must collect over 171,000.</p> <p>May 17, 2024 -- adjourns</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Missouri Legislature and also the progress of the ballot measure.

	<p>Missouri sports teams and some mobile operators have announced they will push for a ballot initiative that would bypass the legislature and take the question about sports betting directly to voters. Link to the petition language.</p> <p>Land-based casino operators do not support the ballot measure; concerned it would expand gaming to other entities (i.e. sports teams), where they currently have exclusivity.</p>		
OKLAHOMA	<p>OK's legislative session started this week.</p> <p>There are competing sports betting bills, including Senate Bill 1434, sponsored by Senator Murdock. This bill closely aligns with the proposal that Governor Stitt previously announced. A fact sheet on the Governor's proposal can be read here.</p> <p>There is also a House bill (HB 1027) that passed the House last session but stalled in the Senate. It carries over to this session. Previously, sports betting hasn't been a priority in the Senate. Any legislation that passes will have to have the state's tribes on board.</p>	May 31, 2024 - adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Oklahoma Legislature and Governor's Office.
SOUTH CAROLINA	We anticipate legislative activity in South Carolina in 2024.	May 9, 2024 – adjourns	iDEA will monitor the activity of the South Carolina Legislature.

Priority States: Regulatory 2024

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NORTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Commission announced Mar. 11, 2024 @ Noon as the official launch date for sports wagering. Pre-registration, and account funding can begin on March 1 @ Noon. However, all approved operators will need to undergo testing and receive their certificate of compliance before they can register players or accept wagers. For additional details you can view the Commission's announcement.</p> <p>The law/regs permit the Commission to grant suppliers provisional licenses. We anticipate that those license awards will be announced next month.</p>	<p>Feb 19 – Sports Betting Committee Meeting</p> <p>Feb 21 – Full Commission Meeting</p> <p>Mar 1 – Pre-registration</p> <p>March 11 – Launch date</p>	<p>We are continuing to monitor the regulatory and licensing process. We anticipate that additional information impacting the market will be released in the coming weeks and we will analyze and share through the Portal.</p>