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Legislative Updates: iGaming

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ILLINOIS	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. Identical iGaming bills have been introduced in the House (HB3080) and Senate (SB1963). legislation text here. Quick summary: • 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	Adourns: 05/31/25	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.
INDIANA	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.	Feb 20 – Crossover deadline to pass bills in the House.	We continue to engage with the bill sponsor and other stakeholders to see if any windows of opportunity open.

	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.		
LOUISIANA	iDEA testified at the Louisiana Senate Committee hearing on iGaming on 12/11 alongside other members, including Light & Wonder, Boyd, and Fanatics. 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. 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. You can view the hearing here.	Session Starts – 04/14/25 Session Adjourns – 16/12/25	iDEA is working with lawmakers and other industry stakeholders to advance legislation during the legislative session which starts in April. 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.
MARYLAND	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. We do not expect any major public movement on this issue, as much of the discussion will be happening as	Adjourns – 04/07/25	iDEA has submitted an op-ed to local Maryland media to advocate for iGaming to be part of the state's budget solution. 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.

	part of leadership evaluating whether iGaming can be included in the budget.		
MASS	We've added Massachusetts to our watch list of states. As of today a House and Senate bills have been introduced to authorize iGaming. 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. We are expecting another bill to be introduced by Rep. David Muradian. He is getting his bill approved by legislative counsel. David has been a longtime champion and was one of iDEA's panelists on our Power Lunch Summit last year. 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.	11/19/25: target adjournment date	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. It also presents an opportunity for lawmakers to push for a sports wagering tax increase, which has already been proposed in the Senate. We are speaking with Rep. Cahill's staff next week about next steps on his bill.
NEW YORK	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. We spoke with Senator Addabbo on 01/27 about his bill (see bill summary on the Member Portal). 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.	April 1 = Deadline for budget approval Adjourns – 06/13/25	iDEA continues to monitor developments and continues to engage with key lawmakers.

	The continued delay in the downstate land-based casino licenses also is an issue that could hold up meaningful discussion of iGaming this session.		

Legislative Updates: Sports Betting

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GEORGIA	Late last week, Rep Wiedower introduced two bills related to sports betting. See 03/04 update in Member Portal regarding their introduction and committee process. While the bills did get through committee and referred to the House floor on 03/06, they did not get voted on before the end of the day and the "cross over deadline". This means they died in the House and they will not advance this year.	Adjourns: 04/03/25	iDEA will continue to monitor activity.
MINNESOTA	Another sports betting bill has been introduced in Minnesota. It is HF 1842, sponsored by Rep. Frazier. This bill is a companion bill to SF 757 that had a committee hearing earlier this legislative session, but didn't advance out of Committee. While this new bill is a House bill, it is still expected to run into a lot of the same issues that prevented SF 757 from advancing out of Committee.	Session Adjourns – 05/19/25	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.

MISSISSIPPI	House Bill 1302 (Rep. Eure's sports betting bill) died in committee as it wasn't reported by the Senate Gaming Committee prior to the committee reporting deadline. However, two Senate bills that were in the House Gaming Committee (Senate Bill 2381 and Senate Bill 2510) were amended by the committee and had sports betting language inserted into them and then were passed out of committee. They now head to the full House. While these bills may make it out of the House, since House Bill 1302 didn't make it out of the Senate Gaming Committee, it isn't very likely that the amended versions of these bills make it across the finish line. There is a possibility that these bills end up in a conference committee, with members of the House and the Senate negotiating final language. However, the House and the Senate still are pretty far apart on sports betting.	Adjourns – 04/04/25	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature.
NEBRASKA	On Monday the Nebraska legislature will discuss two bills related to online sports betting authorization. The primary bill being discussed would be a constitutional amendment which would	Hearing: 03/10/25 Adjourns: 05/31/25	iDEA will be monitoring legislative activity.

	put the issue on the ballot in November '26. Enabling legislation will also be discussed at the hearing, but we believe that the CA has the best chance of advancing. Assuming the voters approve, lawmakers would need to pass the enabling bill next year. We expect that social conservative groups will come out to oppose the bill.		
NEW YORK	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.	Adjourns – 06/13/25	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the New York Legislature.
TEXAS	Turmoil over the Texas Lottery continues to grow with the agency deciding to prohibit courier lotteries, after permitting them for several years. 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.	Adjourns: 06/02/25	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Texas Legislature.
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	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). The rules will now be published on March 17 and will then be subject to a 30-day comment window. A copy of the rules that were submitted can be found here.	March 17 – rules will be published in the register, opening a 30-day comment window. Aug 30 – New effective date of rules Fall 2025 – potential launch.	IDEA will continue to monitor and update