

Legislative Updates: iGaming

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<p>ILLINOIS</p>	<p>HB 3080 (see bill summary on the member portal) had a committee hearing this week. It faced opposition from different entities such as the Illinois Gaming Board, the Illinois Municipal League, the Illinois Licensed Beverage Association, and various fraternal organizations.</p> <p>A lot of the arguments that opponents made were about the potential negative impact iGaming would have at the local level in terms of the economy and jobs as well as local control that entities have hosting VGTs in areas without land-based casinos. Arguments were also made by opponents that iGaming revenue would take away from VGT revenue.</p> <p>To offset this opposition, Rep. Gonzalez offered the potential of an amendment that would include a "hold harmless provision" so small businesses and fraternal organizations that rely on VGT revenue would not suffer financial losses if iGaming is legalized.</p> <p>HB 3080 is posted on the agenda for a March 19th hearing but the bill may not be called. See the committee posting here.</p>	<p>March 19-Committee hearing for HB 3080</p> <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>Should iGaming be part of the hearing on March 19, iDEA will present testimony.</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>

	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	<p>This week iDEA met with the Louisiana Gaming Commission. The agency is prepared and able to regulate iGaming, and suggested that legislation would be introduced this session, however that it was unlikely to pass.</p> <p>The challenges include opposition from video poker interests and division of support for iGaming from the land-based casino industry. Earlier this year, Cordish opened the state's newest casino and they are spearheading opposition attempts.</p> <p>In December of last year, iDEA testified in support of iGaming at an informational hearing. That testimony can be seen 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>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 part of leadership evaluating whether iGaming can be included in the budget.</p>	Adjourns – 04/07/25	<p>iDEA has submitted an op-ed to local Maryland media to advocate for iGaming to be part of the state's budget solution.</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>
MASS	Earlier this week we met with Rep. Cahill's office. He is the lead sponsor of iGaming legislation. The committees are just getting organized and they don't	11/19/25: target adjournment date	MA has a full year legislative session, so it's unlikely that iGaming will be given a priority before May.

	<p>expect that their iGaming bill will be heard before they finalize the budget.</p> <p>He is excited to have iDEA as a resource and has asked that we be available to testify and meet with lawmakers in the coming months.</p> <p>Links to House and Senate bills that 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>NEW YORK</p>	<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 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>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>

Legislative Updates: Sports Betting

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<p>GEORGIA</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Adjourns: 04/03/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor activity.</p>
<p>HAWAII</p>	<p>Last week the House passed HB1308 a bill to authorize sports betting. This week the bill was passed out by two Senate committees with amendments.</p> <p>The bill also would legalize fantasy sports, however, the bill does not create a regulatory framework for those contests.</p> <p>The original bill included a 10% tax rate and \$250k license fee, however, they have been removed and are currently being negotiated. Lawmakers have indicated they would like to raise between \$10m to \$20m annually from sports betting. Given the size of the state, it means these rates are going to increase significantly.</p> <p>The bill would authorize a minimum of 4 online operators and says that qualified applicants must be operational in at least 3 states. Since the state</p>	<p>Next Committee Hearing: TBD</p> <p>Adjournment: 05/02/25</p>	<p>IDEA is monitoring developments in Hawaii and will provide updates.</p>

	has not regulated gaming, the regulatory authority would fall under an existing state agency. However some of these agencies have testified in opposition to the bill.		
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	<p>Senate Bill 2381 and Senate Bill 2510 that were previously amended by the House Gaming Committee and had sports betting language inserted into them have passed the full House.</p> <p>The bills now head back to the Senate for a concurrence vote. It isn't expected that the Senate will concur in the amended versions of the bills. It is likely 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 far apart on sports betting.</p>	Adjourns – 04/04/25	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature.

<p>NEBRASKA</p>	<p>On 03/10 there was a committee hearing on two sports wagering bills. One was a constitutional amendment which would put the issue on the ballot in November '26. The other was enabling legislation that sets the structure for OSB.</p> <p>The HoChunk tribe led with support for the bill and IDEA members DraftKings and GeoComply also testified. GeoComply presented data showing the volume of players leaving Nebraska to place bets in Iowa. Several groups also organized in opposition to the bill.</p> <p>On Thursday, the constitutional amendment bill was given a priority designation, which means it will be cleared out of committee (early next week) and then be eligible for a floor vote.</p> <p>Nebraska has a unicameral legislature (just the Senate) so passing on the floor would send the bill to the governor for signature.</p>	<p>Committee Approval: expected week of 03/17/25</p> <p>Adjourns: 05/31/25</p>	<p>iDEA will be monitoring legislative activity.</p>
<p>NEW YORK</p>	<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>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the New York Legislature.</p>
<p>TEXAS</p>	<p>Another sports betting bill was introduced in Texas. It is SJR 65. It is a companion bill to HJR 134.</p> <p>However, despite the introduction of the most recent bill, significant obstacles continue to remain to passing sport betting legislation. The likelihood</p>	<p>Adjourns: 06/02/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Texas Legislature.</p>

	that sports betting legislation passes in the current legislative session remains low.		
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>This week the Missouri Gaming Commission announced that they expect the licensing application process to begin on May 15th. Even though the regulations will not be finalized until August 30, they intend to use this time to review applicants and be in a position to issue temporary licenses. The constitutional deadline to launch sports betting is December 1, 2025.</p> <p>A copy of the rules that were submitted can be found here.</p>	<p>March 17 – rules will be published in the register, opening a 30-day comment window.</p> <p>May 15 – Application process to begin</p> <p>Aug 30 – New effective date of rules</p> <p>Fall 2025 – potential launch.</p>	iDEA will continue to monitor and update