

Legislative Updates: iGaming

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<p>ARKANSAS</p>	<p>House and Senate iGaming bills were introduced on 03/19 – HB1861 and SB524. The bills would tie licenses to existing land-based casinos permitting a single brand that must be associated with the casino. This would be structured similarly to sports betting, which has not provided a competitive market.</p> <p>The effort is being pushed primarily by Saracen Casino, and not all state gaming entities support it. We also understand that the Gov is opposed.</p> <p>The bills have been referred to the Judiciary Committee, but have not yet been scheduled for a hearing. There is only a few weeks remaining in session to pass these bills.</p>	<p>Adourn: April 11</p>	<p>We are monitoring the situation and will provide updates.</p>
<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>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>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>		
INDIANA	<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. 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>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>
IOWA	<p>HSB 223 an iGaming bill was heard in the Ways and Means subcommittee on 03/19. The bill was recommended to pass. The sponsor of the bill is the Chair of the full committee.</p> <p>The state's landbased casino industry is divided on iGaming. We view it as unlikely for the bill to go beyond the committee.</p>	<p>Adourn: 05/02</p>	<p>iDEA submitted testimony in support of the bill. You can view our submission on the Member Portal.</p>
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</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</p>

	<p>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>		with additional information and studies to help bolster iGaming.
MARYLAND	<p>Lawmakers have agreed on a budget framework that will guide negotiations over the next few weeks. It does not include iGaming.</p> <p>The framework does include an increase in the sports betting tax rate from 15% to 20%.</p> <p>Depending on final negotiations, it is unlikely that MD’s budget issues will be resolved. iGaming could still make its way into the budget, or be discussed later this year during an expected special session.</p>	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.
MASS	<p>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 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>	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>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>
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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>Adjourns: 04/03/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor activity.</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>		
HAWAII	<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 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.</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>
MINNESOTA	<p>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,</p>	<p>Session Adjourns – 05/19/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.</p>

	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.		
MISSISSIPPI	<p>Senate Bill 2381 and Senate Bill 2510 haven't had a concurrence/non-concurrence vote in the Senate. The deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from the opposite chamber is March 27.</p> <p>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>	<p>March 27-deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from the opposite chamber</p> <p>Adjourns – 04/04/25</p>	IDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Mississippi Legislature.
NEBRASKA	<p>Earlier this week the constitutional amendment bill was passed out of committee (6-2) and is cleared to be heard by the full legislature.</p> <p>Additional details can be found on the Member Portal.</p>	<p>Committee Approval: expected week of 03/17/25</p> <p>Adjourns: 05/31/25</p>	IDEA will be monitoring legislative activity.
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	Another sports betting bill was introduced in Texas. It is SJR 65 . It is a companion bill to HJR 134.	Adjourns: 06/02/25	IDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Texas Legislature.

	<p>However, despite the introduction of the most recent bill, significant obstacles continue to remain to passing sport betting legislation. The likelihood that sports betting legislation passes in the current legislative session remains low.</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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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>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor and update</p>

