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IDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	IDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ILLINOIS (iGaming + Sports Amendments)	<p>On 3/17, Chairman Rita informed iDEA (as he has done on previous occasions) that he would prefer to deal with all gaming issues in an omnibus bill to be considered in the November veto session. We do not anticipate that he will call SB 2973 for a hearing before the legislature's adjournment on 4/8.</p> <p>SB 2973 is an IDEA led initiative and if enacted will result in considerable cost saving for iDEA members who are licensed sports wagering suppliers in the state.</p>	<p>4/8/22 – Target adjournment date</p> <p>November – Veto session exact dates TBD.</p>	<p>We will need to work with Chairman Rita over the summer to ensure that the supplier licensing fee correction is included in any omnibus gaming bill that he attempts to put together for the November veto session. Chairman Rita has also suggested the Governor's Office has some concern with the fee correction proposal so we need to speak with administration official on this issue.</p> <p>Lastly, with Chairman Rita is planning to do an omnibus gaming bill in the November veto session, we need to begin strategizing about how to position igaming to be considered and included as part of the package.</p>
INDIANA (iGaming)	<p>Sen. Jon Ford has reaffirmed his intent to file a bill in the 2023 session and to move forward in pursuing both legalization of igaming and lottery. He is working through an analysis as to whether the two concepts should be included in a single bill, which is his current intent.</p>		<p>A meeting has been scheduled with the Casino Association of Indiana (CAI) for 04/12 to begin discussion on legislative strategy for the interim and for the 2023 legislative session.</p> <p>We connected casino representatives this week, who reaffirmed their major support for legalization of igaming.</p>
MASS (Sports)	<p>In the past week there have been increased discussions in the Senate on sports betting. While some notable lawmakers, including the Attorney General (who is running for Gov), have recently announced their support for legislation, there is still not agreement on what a Senate bill will look like. The House and Senate differ in their approaches and the Senate President said she must have "consensus" if she will allow a bill to move.</p> <p>Some of the issues that still need to be addressed: collegiate betting; tax rate; credit card ban; official league data; integrity fees, and market access.</p>	<p>1/5/22 – Legislature reconvenes; Session is year-round.</p>	<p>iDEA has been speaking to key Senators and providing our perspective on several of the outstanding issues.</p>

	The legislature is in year-round, so its likely that discussion will continue in Senate for many weeks before real action.		
MISSOURI <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i>	<p>HB2502/2556 was heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 04/06. iDEA testified in favor of the bill alongside sports teams, casinos and reps for OSB companies. No votes were taken in committee.</p> <p>Senator Hoskins remained firm on his questioning (mostly to the sports teams) but was a little more measured than previous hearing(s). Chairman Hegeman indicated that the bill will likely be voted out next Wednesday (April 13th).</p>	<p>04/13 – Possible Senate Cmte vote.</p> <p>5/13 – Session Adjournment</p> <p>9/14 – Veto Session</p>	<p>Our team has been working the Senate on this bill and offered testimony at the hearing on 04/06.</p> <p>We are educating members on the need to keep tax rates low and provide incentives for operators to offer bonuses, etc.</p> <p>Key focus is on Sen. Hoskins to ensure that his support for VLT legalization does not interfere with sports betting advancing to a vote on the Senate floor.</p> <p>John Pappas will be traveling to the Capitol at the end of April to push for sports bill and also meet with lawmakers who are interested in pushing iGaming in the future.</p>
NEW YORK <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i>	<p>The legislature and the Governor finally reached a budget deal and a vote is expected on 04/08.</p> <p>The authorization of 3 downstate casinos is included in the bill, but other gaming issues such as OSB expansion and tax rate reduction did not have support to be included. Lawmakers are not willing to adjust the OSB market so soon after launch.</p> <p>Senator Addabbo has expressed an interest in advancing iGaming and OSB bills after the budget, but any effort would be about building support for 2023, rather than enacting law in 2022.</p>	<p>6/2 – Target adjournment date</p>	<p>Call with Senator Addabbo schedule for next week to discuss iGaming legislation and what actions can be taken during the remainder of session to build support for his bill.</p>

Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2022

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OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>At a special meeting, the Casino Control Commission agreed to forward Batch 3 of the sports gaming rules to the Governor's Common Sense Initiative for review. The political uncertainty surrounding the General Assembly (bifurcated statewide and legislative primaries, still no state legislative maps that have passed constitutional muster) has made the work of the House and Senate even more difficult. It's anticipated that Batch 4 will be approved at the next CCC regular meeting with Batch 5 following soon thereafter.</p> <p>All rules can be found here.</p>	<p>6 to 8 months: regulatory approval and licensing approval process</p> <p>Q4 2022: best estimation of a "launch" timeframe.</p> <p>Early June – deadline for legislative activity in Ohio.</p>	<p>iDEA continues to monitor both rules and comments submitted on the rules to see which issues raised by members may need legislative intervention due to the limiting language of the statutes.</p>
MARYLAND <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>It has been announced that there will be a MD half-day conference and you can find the registration via the Member Portal.</p> <p>Next SWARC meeting is scheduled for April 21st. We expect an update on the disparity study and other issues related to encouraging minority and woman participation in sports wagering.</p> <p>SWARC's new website is up and running, with new information and links. The website is www.swarc.org</p>	<p>April 21 – Next SWARC meeting.</p> <p>May 6th - SWARC/Spectrum conference.</p> <p>Q3/Q4 2022 – Online launch</p>	<p>iDEA continues to monitor activity of the SWARC and MD Lottery and also communicates with these bodies as needed.</p> <p>Jeff Ifrah will be participating in one of the MD conference panels in May.</p>
ONTARIO, CAN <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>Ontario launched its market on 04/04.</p> <p>Ahead of Ontario launch (04/04) our on the ground Consultant has provided a comprehensive brief on what to expect on launch day, and issues that are still unresolved, or could be causing issues for operators/suppliers.</p> <p>Please read the full Ontario update here.</p>	<p>April 4 – Launch date</p>	<p>iDEA is already planning post-launch strategies to engage with the AGCO and other agencies to seek improvement to the Registrars Standards as they relate to advertising, testing and licensing.</p> <p>Unlikely that there will opportunity to make changes until after the June elections.</p>

Other States iDEA is Monitoring 2022 (Legislative Phase)

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GEORGIA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>Georgia legislature adjourned without considering sports betting, or a constitutional amendment to remove the state's prohibition on various forms of gambling.</p> <p>A full update can be found on the Member Portal.</p>	<p>4/4/22 – Legislature adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor developments and will seek opportunities to engage with lawmakers and stakeholders as warranted.</p>
IOWA <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>State Rep. Kaufmann's iGaming bill, HSB604, received a hearing and a favorable vote in subcommittee on 02/02.</p> <p>Bill information can be found here, and groups registered with lobbyists in Iowa were able to voice their position on the bill.</p> <p>iDEA has spoken with Rep Kaufmann, and while he is enthusiastic about the bill, he is not optimistic it will move beyond a discussion phase in 2022.</p> <p>While many of the state's land-based casinos support iGaming, some are opposed and the state casino association will only advocate for policies where they have member unanimity.</p>	<p>1/10/22 – Legislature reconvenes</p> <p>4/19/22 – legislature adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA has spoken with Rep. Kaufmann and other key members of the legislature. We are also engaging with key land-based stakeholder to discuss strategies to advance the legislative discussion this year.</p>
KANSAS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On 04/02 the Kansas House passed the sports betting bill after contentious debate.</p> <p>The legislature is now on a 3 week recess returning on 04/25. We are told that there is sufficient support for the bill to pass the Senate once they return.</p> <p>Details of the bill bulleted below, more info on the House vote can be found on the member portal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% tax for retail and mobile • Deductions for promos/excise tax • Ability of tribes to offer OSB subject to compact negotiation (ala AZ and MI) • 3 OSB brands per casino = 12 mobile access points 	<p>04/25 – Senate returns to session.</p> <p>5/13/22 – Legislature adjourns</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor developments and will seek opportunities to engage with lawmakers and stakeholders as warranted.</p>
NORTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>Recently the Governor expressed his support for passing a sports betting bill this year. He expressed support for the bill that has already passed the Senate (last year), but did say that he wants to increase the tax revenues the state receives. This could be done</p>	<p>Mid-May: possible movement of sports wagering bill in the House.</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor developments and will seek opportunities to engage with lawmakers and stakeholders as warranted.</p>

	<p>through increasing the tax rate/fees or limiting the amount of promo deductions.</p> <p>It is not expected that sports betting will be addressed until later this Spring after the legislature has addressed issues like redistricting.</p>		
MINNESOTA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The House has been methodically moving their bill through various committees and it could come up for a vote in the full House soon.</p> <p>Senate tried to have a committee hearing on 04/04 but it was pulled from consideration. The state tribal entities do not support the Senate approach.</p> <p>Please visit the web portal for the Minnesota update and latest version of the bill.</p>	<p>04/04 – Senate hearing on their bill</p> <p>05/23 -- Target Adjournment.</p>	<p>iDEA is providing information to Senate/House leaders about the need for more competition in the marketplace.</p> <p>The state is a difficult entry point for outsiders since gambling is wholly controlled by the state's Indian tribes, who have exclusive right to gambling in the state.</p>