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IDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	IDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ILLINOIS <i>(iGaming + Sports Amendments)</i>	<p>On 04/28 the Illinois Gaming Board announced that only one company (Caliente) will move forward in a process to award a mobile-only license for sports betting in the state. Up to three licenses are available under the law.</p> <p>The Illinois Legislature has adjourned. The Legislature will be coming back in November for a veto session. iDEA led bill to reduce the supplier licensing fees passed the Senate, but did not get heard in the House.</p>	November – Veto session exact dates TBD.	<p>We are speaking with Chairman Rita and other lawmakers over the summer to ensure that the supplier licensing fee correction is included in any omnibus gaming bill is 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 are reaching out to administration officials on this issue.</p> <p>We are also looking to organize a Chicago-area fly-in to introduce iDEA members and iGaming to key lawmakers in the region. More details to come.</p>
INDIANA <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>A meeting took place with the executive director of the Casino Association of Indiana (CAI). Our discussion centered around strategy for the interim and the 2023 legislative session. CAI’s executive director, Matt Bell, was very aligned with iDEA on goals for an aggressive interim lobbying effort.</p> <p>We have continued to touch base on a weekly basis with Sen. Jon Ford, who continues to affirm his intent to file a bill in the 2023 session and to move forward in pursuing both legalization of igaming and ilottery. He continues to work through an analysis as to whether the two concepts should be included in a single bill, which is his current intent.</p>		<p>This week, we met with Speaker of the House, Todd Huston. We discussed his perspective on the outlook for legalization of igaming during the 2023 legislative session. His response was very positive and he stated that “he would not be surprised to see the caucus do something on this this year.”</p> <p>He reiterated that he is not opposed to igaming as a policy matter, but that we will need to work the entire caucus from a lobbying perspective. He stated that the “revenue argument” will not be persuasive, so we need to come prepared with a solely policy-focused argument.</p>
MASS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>Mass went from stalled in the Senate, to very active within the past week. Legislation cleared committee on 04/22 and then was voted out by the Senate on 04/29.</p> <p>The Senate and House have now passed their own bills, which are very different. Next step will be the appointment of a “conference committee” that will be charged with negotiating a final product.</p> <p>A full update on the bill can be found on the member portal</p>	July 2022 – expected meeting of the conference committee on sports wagering	iDEA has been speaking to key lawmaker and providing our perspective on several of the outstanding issues. We will continue to do so and are also seeking to coordinate an formal idea position paper outlining our the areas we want lawmakers to address in a final bill.

<p>MISSOURI <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i></p>	<p>The Missouri Senate brought the sports betting bill to the floor for discussion on Wednesday evening. However, Senator Denny Hoskins spent 4 hours filibustering the bill because it does not include language to legalize video lottery terminals (VLTs). Senate leadership pulled the bill from consideration, but it could be brought back up for debate/vote before the end of session.</p> <p>The casino industry strongly opposes the legalization of VLTs and the supporters of VLTs insist that they will not let sports wagering pass unless they are included. Even though Sen. Hoskins earlier this year indicated his willingness to deal with these issues separately, he is now insisting they are tied together. Because of Senate rules, a single Senator can effectively kill a bill, especially since there is only a few session days remaining before adjournment.</p> <p>The path for sports wagering is if the casino industry is willing to negotiate a deal for limited VLT legalization (or a pilot program). However, at this moment, they are unwilling to do that.</p>	<p>5/13 – Session Adjournment</p> <p>9/14 – Veto Session</p>	<p>John Pappas was at the Missouri state capitol meeting with lawmakers earlier this week.</p> <p>Senate leaders support moving sports betting, but they do not have a solution to “deal with” Senator Hoskins who is also blocking other non-gaming related bills.</p> <p>We have proposed to lawmakers and to the Missouri casino association that they consider adding in iGaming language along with limited VLT expansion to give the casino industry additional revenue streams that could combat the potential impact of VLTs. Casinos have not responded favorably to this suggestion.</p>
<p>NEW YORK <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i></p>	<p>Last week Senator Addabbo passed the iGaming bill out of his committee. It is not expected to advance further.</p> <p>Visit the member portal for the latest on New York.</p>	<p>6/2 – Target adjournment date</p>	<p>iDEA has commissioned (via Ifrah Law) a legal opinion outlining the constitutionality of iGaming in NY. We understand that this was a point of contention from some lawmakers earlier this year, and much like sports wagering, needs to be addressed. We will be sharing the legal opinion with Senator Addabbo soon.</p>

Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Opportunities
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Ohio Casino Control Commission announced the first draft of the Type C Sports Lottery proprietor application is open (link here). While most iDEA members are not going to be applying for the Type C application, it may give some insight as to how the other Type A and B applications will be structured, which appears to be giving applicants the responsibility of drafting language to reflect meeting the statutory and rule-based criteria for approval rather than having a more 'check the box' format.</p> <p>The CCC is set to meet on May 4th with the fifth and final batch of rules up for approval and forwarding to the Lt. Governor's Common Sense Initiative. Comments to be filed with the CSI on Batch 4 are due May 4th.</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>There was a SWARC meeting this week. A meeting recap can be found here: https://ideagrowth.org/legislative_updates/update-from-maryland-swarc-meeting/</p> <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>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>The AGCO issued an update to the Advertising and Marketing Guidelines. The update is a reinforcement of existing policy. It doesn't change the substance of any current policy. We suspect the reason for issuing this letter is that some operators aren't strictly adhering to the regulations and thus the need for the AGCO to issue a "reinforcement" update.</p> <p>More on this can be found on the member portal.</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, licensing and addressing the gray (now black) market.</p> <p>Unlikely that there will opportunity to make changes until after the June elections, but we are formulating strategy from now.</p>

Other States iDEA is Monitoring 2022 (Legislative Phase)

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KANSAS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Kansas Legislature returned this week and after being forced to send the sports wagering bill back to conference for some minor changes, the bill was ultimately approved by the House and Senate early morning (1:50am) on 04/29. The Governor is expected to sign the bill or let it pass into law without signature within 10 days.</p> <p>Details of the bill bulleted below:</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 	5/13/22 – Legislature adjourns	iDEA will monitor developments and will seek opportunities to engage with lawmakers and stakeholders as warranted.
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 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>	Mid-May: possible movement of sports wagering bill in the House.	iDEA will monitor developments and will seek opportunities to engage with lawmakers and stakeholders as warranted.
MINNESOTA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Minnesota House Ways and Means Committee passed HF 778, the sports wagering bill, out of committee by a vote of 14-7. This committee focuses on the fiscal impact of the bill.</p> <p>The bill now moves to be voted on by the full House of Representatives. It could come up as soon as next week.</p> <p>There is still no movement on the Senate version of sports wagering.</p>	<p>Week of 05/01 – possible House vote.</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>

