

**May 6, 2022**

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## IDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	IDEA Engagement / Opportunities
<b>ILLINOIS</b> <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>
<b>INDIANA</b> <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>
<b>MASS</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p><b>House/Senate conferees (bill negotiators) have not yet been named.</b></p> <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>	July 2022 – expected meeting of the conference committee on sports wagering	<p><b>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 a formal idea position paper outlining the areas we want lawmakers to address in a final bill. We are awaiting to announcement of conferees to deliver such a letter.</b></p>

	A full update on the bill can be found on the <a href="#">member portal</a> .		
<b>MISSOURI</b> <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i>	<p>The Missouri Senate continues to address sports betting and are coming closer to a compromise that has the support of the casino industry and key Senators.</p> <p>Earlier this week draft of “compromise bills” were floated that excluded VLTs, but included a 15% tax rate, substantially increased license fees, the ability of the state lottery to offer sports parlay (retail). The casinos have not signed off on this and parties are working on alternative language.</p> <p>To see our “real time” updates from earlier in the week visit the <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</p>	<p>5/13 – Session Adjournment</p> <p>9/14 – Veto Session</p>	iDEA continues to speak to lawmakers about the proposals being floated as compromise. We are arguing to bring down the license fee renewals as well as provide some level of promo deductions.
<b>NEW YORK</b> <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i>	<p>Last week Senator Addabbo passed the iGaming bill out of his committee. It is not expected to advance further.</p> <p>Visit the <a href="#">member portal</a> for the latest on New York.</p>	6/2 – Target adjournment date	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.

## Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	IDEA Opportunities
<b>OHIO</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Ohio Casino Control Commission released draft licensed applications for Type A, B and MMSP (online platforms) operators. The draft applications can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>They also announced timeline for application process and implementation process which is captured in the <a href="#">linked flow chart</a>.</p> <p>We expect that draft supplier license applications will be made available for review early next week.</p> <p>All rules can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>Late Q4 2022: best estimation of a “launch” timeframe- -No uniform launch date yet announced.</p> <p>June 15 – July 15: first application window for licensees (Type A, B, C proprietors; suppliers; and first skins).</p> <p>July 15 – Aug 15: 2<sup>nd</sup> application window for licensees (2<sup>nd</sup> skins)</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>
<b>MARYLAND</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>There was a SWARC meeting this week. A meeting recap can be found here:<a href="https://ideagrowth.org/legislative_updates/update-from-maryland-swarc-meeting/">https://ideagrowth.org/legislative_updates/update-from-maryland-swarc-meeting/</a></p> <p>It has been announced that there will be a MD half-day conference and you can find the registration via the <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</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>
<b>ONTARIO, CAN</b> <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>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>

	More on this can be found on the <a href="#">member portal</a> .		Unlikely that there will opportunity to make changes until after the June elections, but we are formulating strategy from now.
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## Other States iDEA is Monitoring 2022 (Legislative Phase)

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<b>KANSAS</b> <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. <b>The Governor was formally presented the bill on 05/06 and is expected to sign the bill or let it pass into law without signature within 10 days.</b></p> <p>Details of the bill bulleted below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10% tax for retail and mobile</li> <li>• Deductions for promos/excise tax</li> <li>• Ability of tribes to offer OSB subject to compact negotiation (ala AZ and MI)</li> <li>• 3 OSB brands per casino = 12 mobile access points</li> </ul>	<p>5/13/22 – Legislature adjourns</p> <p><b>05/16/22 – deadline for Gov signature or veto.</b></p>	<p>iDEA will monitor developments and will seek opportunities to engage with lawmakers and stakeholders as warranted.</p>
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b> <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>	<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>
<b>MINNESOTA</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p><b>The House bill in Minnesota is cleared for a full House vote as early as next week. This bill is favored by the state’s Indian tribes.</b></p>	<p><b>Week of 05/08 – possible House vote.</b></p>	<p>iDEA is providing information to Senate/House leaders about the need for more competition in the marketplace.</p>

	<p>Senate bill remains unmoved and it is highly unlikely the Senate would accept the bill that passes the House. Negotiations are ongoing, and the Senate will not act unless it has a bill it will support.</p> <p>Senate is seeking to add other entities to offer sports wagering.</p>	05/23 -- Target Adjournment.	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.
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