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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>House/Senate conferees (bill negotiators) have not yet been named.</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>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.</p>

	A full update on the bill can be found on the member portal .		
MISSOURI <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i>	<p>The Missouri legislature will conclude its legislative session for the year on 05/13 and it is not expected that sports betting legislation will pass.</p> <p>Several attempts for compromise bills were offered, but ultimately rejected by various stakeholders. The compromises were not great for OSB and included annual licensing fees up to \$1m.</p> <p>Unfortunately, as in years past, sports betting has gotten wrapped up in the larger fight over VLT (slot machine) legalization despite assurances from key lawmakers that they would keep the issues separated.</p>	5/13 – Session Adjournment	<p>iDEA was active over the past two weeks to facilitate compromises that could garner the support of all stakeholders.</p> <p>We are continuing to gather intel on the post mortem which we will plan to report during the 05/17 member call.</p>
NEW YORK <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 member portal 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
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>On 05/09 the Ohio Casino Control Commission released draft licensed applications for suppliers. The draft application can be found here.</p> <p>The previous week they released operator licenses which can be found here.</p> <p>All applications are subject to revisions based on stakeholder feedback. They do plan to have final applications available later this month and provided he linked flow chart outlining the process.</p> <p>All rules can be found here.</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: 2nd application window for licensees (2nd 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>
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>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 member portal .		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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KANSAS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Kansas sports betting bill was signed into law on 05/12. A copy of the final bill can be found here.</p> <p>This bill creates statutory deadlines to expedite the regulatory and licensing process. They hope to have sports betting launched by start of NFL season. This could be an aggressive timeline for mobile operations, but is likely for retail. If mobile delayed, it will only be by weeks, not months.</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 	<p>August 1 – Applications process announced by regulator (by statute)</p> <p>August 15 – suitability investigations to begin (by statute)</p>	<p>iDEA is reaching out to the state Lottery and the Racing and Gaming Commission who will have joint oversight over the rulemaking process and the regulation of sports wagering.</p>
NORTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The legislature starts is session on 05/18. It is expected that House action could start very soon after session begins with the hope of passing a bill by early June.</p>	<p>Late May: Possible House hearings</p> <p>Early June: target for House vote</p>	<p>iDEA is engaging with lawmakers and seeking opportunities to testify or otherwise advocate for policies.</p>
MINNESOTA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The House passed a sports betting bill after contentious debate. Several amendments were added to the bill. A full break down of those amendments and link to the house-passed bill can be found on the member portal.</p> <p>Senate is will not accept the House passed bill. The Senate wants to add horse tracks and sports teams to the legislation, the House bill</p>	<p>Week of 05/08 – 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>

	<p>gives exclusivity to tribes. Very good chance that it does nothing and pushes the issue to next year, when the House and Senate are likely under Republican control (pending election results) and the state tribal entities will have less influence with the legislature.</p>		
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