

## Legislative Updates: iGaming

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<p><b>ILLINOIS</b></p>	<p>HB 3080 (see bill summary on the <a href="#">member portal</a>) 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>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 <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>Adjourns: 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><b>LOUISIANA</b></p>	<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 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 <a href="#">here</a>.</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 with additional information and studies to help bolster iGaming.</p>
<p><b>MARYLAND</b></p>	<p>The Legislature adjourned without addressing iGaming. The budget does include an increase in the sports betting tax rate from 15% to 20%. which was a compromise from the proposed 30% rate.</p> <p>The state is still facing budget issues and lawmakers are already discussing whether they come back later this year for a special session. This presents an opportunity for iGaming to resurface as a budget solution.</p>	<p>Adjourns – 04/07/25</p>	<p>We are remain engaged with lawmakers to monitor the possibility of a special session.</p> <p>We have been sharing the iDEA oped with lawmakers and others to set up iGaming for the special session. .</p> <p>Here is a link to the article: <a href="#">IFRAH OP-ED</a></p> <p>It can also be viewed as a PDF on the Member Portal.</p>
<p><b>MASS</b></p>	<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>11/19/25: target adjournment date</p>	<p>MA has a full year legislative session, so it's unlikely that iGaming will be given a priority before May.</p>

	<p>Links to <a href="#">House</a> and <a href="#">Senate</a> 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>		
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	<p>As was previously shared, the New Jersey Governor has proposed a tax increase on online gaming and sports betting (see <a href="#">Member Portal</a>).</p> <p>The Governor's primary election is June 10th and it is likely that the budget won't happen until after the primary. The two front-runners in the race are Jack Ciattarelli (R) and Mikie Sherrill (D). Depending on what happens in the primary, that will help determine if there will be a tax increase and how much.</p>	<p>June 10-Governor's Primary Election</p>	<p>iDEA has retained some local support in the state for direct and indirect lobbying.</p> <p>iDEA continues to monitor developments and continues to engage with key lawmakers.</p>
<b>NEW YORK</b>	<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 <a href="#">Member Portal</a>).</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>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>

	The continued delay in the downstate land-based casino licenses also is an issue that could hold up meaningful discussion of iGaming this session.		
<b>OHIO</b>	<p>New to weekly update. Lawmakers are considering the introduction of an iGaming bill to address funding needs in the state budget.</p> <p>While this could get support in the legislature, the Governor has indicated that he would oppose iGaming. Jack Casino will be a strong opponent.</p> <p>Last year, the Future of Gaming Commission issued a report recommending that the state legalize iGaming. More info on that report in the <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</p>	<p>Budget deadline: June 30</p> <p>Legislature is year-round</p>	We are talking with stakeholders about the likelihood of an iGaming bill progressing. There are a number of complicating factors that may lead this to be more of a discussion to set the stage for legalization in a future session.

## Legislative Updates: Sports Betting

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<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<p>iDEA provided testimony in opposition to HB 5269 at a legislative hearing a little while back (see <a href="#">Member Portal</a>).</p> <p>While HB 5269 has been voted out of committee, it doesn't appear the bill will move much farther in the legislative process and if it does, it is likely to be amended with more favorable language.</p> <p>We understand that a new omnibus gaming bill will be introduced in the Senate as soon as next week.</p>	Adjournment: 06/04/25	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Connecticut Legislature.

<p><b>HAWAII</b></p>	<p>HB330A was not approved by the conference committee and the legislature will adjourn without approving a final bill.</p>	<p>Adjournment: 05/02/25</p>	<p>IDEA is monitoring developments in Hawaii and will provide updates.</p>
<p><b>LOUISIANA</b></p>	<p>The House is considering HB 639 which would increase the sports betting tax rate from 15% to 32.5%.</p> <p>The bill passed out of committee (20-1) and now heads to the House floor for consideration.</p> <p>An attempt to raise the tax rate (to 51%) during a special session last year was defeated. However, this effort which would align sports wagering taxes with VLT/video poker taxes has more momentum.</p> <p>It still needs 2/3 vote of the House to proceed.</p>	<p>Week of May 4th: House vote on HB 639</p>	<p>IDEA is sending a letter to lawmakers in opposition to this bill.</p>
<p><b>MINNESOTA</b></p>	<p>Another sports betting bill was introduced. <a href="#">SF 3414</a> was introduced and referred to the State and Local Government Committee.</p> <p>Earlier in the legislative session, a previous sports betting bill was heard in the State and Local Government Committee. However, the motion to advance that bill out of committee failed.</p> <p>A motion was made before the full Senate that SF 3414 be withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. However, the motion didn't prevail.</p> <p>The latest sports betting bill remains in the State and Local Government Committee. The issues that prevented the previous sports betting bill from advancing out of this committee still largely remain.</p>	<p>Session Adjourns – 05/19/25</p>	<p>IDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.</p>

<p><b>NEBRASKA</b></p>	<p>The sports wagering constitutional amendment was brought up for a 2nd vote and was filibustered. The sponsor withdrew the bill, effectively ending progress for 2025, but it is still alive for the 2026 session. See <a href="#">Member Portal</a> for more info.</p>	<p>Adjourns: 05/31/25</p>	<p>iDEA will be monitoring legislative activity.</p>
<p><b>NORTH CAROLINA</b></p>	<p>This week NC Senators passed their version of the budget which includes a doubling of the sports betting tax rate from 18% to 36%.</p> <p>The projected increase in revenues would be distributed to North Carolina colleges and universities.</p> <p>House lawmakers have not indicated a willingness to include this increase in their version of the budget.</p> <p>The Governor is not a fan of sports betting and likely supports the increase, however, because of other items included in the Senate budget, he has already threatened to veto the bill.</p>	<p>July 1: deadline for budget, however, in most years the legislature does not meet this deadline and often the budget is not finalized until the Fall.</p>	<p>iDEA is working with stakeholders to oppose the tax increases and other bills that would negatively impact the sports wagering market.</p> <p>With the budget already passed in the Senate, we are focusing our attention on House lawmakers and legislative leadership.</p>
<p><b>NEW YORK</b></p>	<p>A new bill was introduced in the New York Assembly that would place limits on bets as well as restrictions on advertising.</p> <p><a href="#">A7962</a> would, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Cap the daily wagering limit at \$5,000;</li> <li>*Creates a prohibition on certain advertisement practices, including odds boosts or similar offers, including advertising that contains the phrases "bonus", "no sweat", "bonus bet", or any other similar term;</li> <li>*Places restrictions on when ads can be run.</li> </ul> <p>The bill has been referred to the Assembly's Racing</p>	<p>Adjourns – 06/13/25</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the New York Legislature.</p>

	And Wagering Committee.		
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<p>Sports betting bills are moving in both the House and Senate. However, the rift between the tribes and the Governor puts them in jeopardy. The Gov. has committed to veto any bill that gives tribes exclusivity to sports betting. However, tribes could have the support to override a veto.</p> <p>With 33 tribes, achieving consensus among them is a challenge. Some support statewide mobile, others want sports betting restricted to only tribal lands.</p>	Adjourns – May 30th	iDEA will continue to monitor and report on progress in Oklahoma.
<b>TEXAS</b>	<p>Another sports betting bill was introduced in Texas. It is <a href="#">SJR 65</a>. It is a companion bill to HJR 134.</p> <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>	Adjourns: 06/02/25	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Texas Legislature.
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	<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 <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>Session Started: 01/07/25</p> <p>Adjourns; December 2025</p>	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Wisconsin legislature.

## iDEA Regulatory Advocacy

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<b>MARYLAND</b>	<p>The MD Lottery last year proposed a new rule that would eliminate promotional deductions for sports wagering. This was done as a way to generate more revenues from gaming to address state budget deficits.</p> <p>The state AG has weighed in to say that this rule would violate the sports wagering statute and exceed the Lottery's authority.</p>		<p>iDEA has sent a letter to the MLGCA urging them to withdraw the amendment</p> <p>A copy of the iDEA letter and additional information can be found on the <a href="#">Member Portal</a></p> <p>We spoke this week with the MD Lottery and they indicated that there has been no decision made on the the promo tax amendment and that they are weighing our input and the input of other stakeholders. We are working to organize lawmakers to contact the Lottery to encourage them to withdraw this amendment.</p>
<b>MISSOURI</b>	<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 <a href="#">found here</a>.</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>