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iDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
<p>ILLINOIS <i>(iGaming + Sports Amendments)</i></p>	<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>	<p>November – Veto session exact dates TBD.</p>	<p>Earlier this week, iDEA sent a letter to Illinois Senator Cunningham, thanking him for his sponsorship of SB 2973 and requesting his support in making sure that the problem with the renewal fees is addressed and fixed in the November veto session.</p> <p>Read the letter here: Microsoft Word - iDEA - Letter to Senator Cunningham SIGNED 5.24 (ideagrowth.org)</p> <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 organizing a Chicago-area fly-in to introduce iDEA members and iGaming to key lawmakers in the region. More details were provided on this week’s member call. A recording of this call (05/17) can be downloaded from the Member Portal.</p>
<p>INDIANA <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<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>We met with Rep. Ethan Manning on May 24th to discuss strategy for igaming legislation. Rep. Manning is one of the top candidates to become the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee. If Rep. Manning is appointed Chair of Ways & Means, he has told us that he would likely not be in a position to be the author of an igaming bill, but that he would remain strongly supportive from his position and do everything he could to advance the cause. If Rep. Manning is not named chair of Ways and Means, he remains strongly interested in carrying the bill and would like for the bill to start in the House so that all tax issues can be addressed in</p>

			<p>the initial version and included in the biennial budget discussions.</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>
<p>MASS <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>House/Senate conferees (bill negotiators) were appointed the week of 05/16. These 6 members will be tasked with working on a compromise that bridges the gap between the House and Senate bills.</p> <p>Major areas include tax rates, market access, collegiate betting restrictions, credit card use and advertising restrictions.</p> <p>This week the Speaker of the House spoke about several outstanding legislative priorities to accomplish before the end of regular session. Sports wagering was included on his list, however, he made clear his continued opposition to many of the provisions in the Senate-passed bill. You can read his comments here: https://ideagrowth.org/legislative_updates/ma-house-speaker-sees-need-to-compromise/</p>	<p>July 2022 – expected meeting of the conference committee on sports wagering</p> <p>July 31 – Regular session adjourns.</p>	<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 drafting a letter to be sent to conferees.</p>
<p>MISSOURI <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i></p>	<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</p>	<p>5/13 – Session Adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA was active over the past two weeks to facilitate compromises that could garner the support of all stakeholders.</p> <p>Our team provided a full post-mortem and analysis of next steps for Missouri on this week’s member call. You can go to the Member Portal and download a recording of the call.</p>

	<p>assurances from key lawmakers that they would keep the issues separated.</p>		
<p>NEW YORK <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i></p>	<p>In non-policy related news, gaming champion, Senator Addabbo, has been negatively impacted by new legislative redistricting maps.</p> <p>Where he currently resides is being cut into 3 new districts, so he will need to move so that he can run in a new district without having to challenge one of his incumbent colleagues. It is likely he will run in the new District 15 where he will have a primary challenger and more significantly a credible general election challenger.</p>	<p>6/2 – Target adjournment date</p>	<p>Earlier this month, Jeff Ifrah sent a letter to Senator Addabbo on behalf of iDEA Growth member support for SB 8412. Read the letter here: Letter from J. Ifrah iDEA Growth to Joseph P. Addabbo 5.6.2022.pdf (ideagrowth.org)</p> <p>We spoke with Senator Addabbo this week and he expressed frustration over his redistricting situation, but feels confident that he can continue his service in the Senate with the proper support.</p> <p>He remains a committed ally on several issues for our industry.</p>

Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Opportunities
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>Earlier this week, the OCCC released updated FAQ's related to the submission of applications and compliance documents. You can read more about the FAQ's as well accessing a link to the OCCC's updated FAQ's here OCCC Releases Updated Application/Compliance FAQ's - iDEA (ideagrowth.org)</p> <p>This week the Ohio Casino Control Commission announced that the "Universal Start Date" will be on or not be much before the statutory deadline of 01/01/2023.</p> <p>They released an updated FAQ that addresses this issue that can be viewed here.</p> <p>We expect to see final applications in the coming weeks with the application windows opening in mid June.</p>	<p>Launch date – near 01/01/23</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>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 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 could have retail sports betting launched early in NFL season. This could be an aggressive timeline for mobile operations, but is likely for retail. Mobile is still likely to launch in 2022.</p>	<p>August 1 – Applications process announced by regulator (by statute)</p> <p>August 15 – suitability investigations to begin (by statute)</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.
NORTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i>	The legislature started its session on 05/18. It is expected that House will seek to discuss and vote on SB 688 (which already passed the Senate), without amendment so that it does not be voted again in the Senate. Separately, there is discussion of a “trailer bill,” making some fixes to SB 688, that include adding sports venues for retail betting and also giving mobile exclusively to tribes on their lands/casinos.	<p>Late May/Early June: Possible House hearings</p> <p>Early June: target for House vote</p>	iDEA is engaging with lawmakers and seeking opportunities to testify or otherwise advocate for policies.
MINNESOTA <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Minnesota Legislature has adjourned without passing a sports betting bill.</p> <p>The House-passed version of HF 778 gave exclusivity to Minnesota’s Indian tribes. The Senate amended version of HF 778 added two licenses for horse tracks. This proved to be too much of an obstacle to overcome.</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.