

Legislative Updates: iGaming

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<p>ALBERTA, CAN</p>	<p>Bill 48 has passed paving the way for a competitively run online gambling market and enabling the Minister to move forward with building a regulatory framework.</p> <p>The legislation creates a model similar to Ontario where a newly formed Alberta iGaming Corp will oversee the market. Key details such as licensing rule, RG measures and tax rates are still to come.</p> <p>No timeline for launch has been provided, but we are anticipating launch in the first half of 2026.</p>		<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the developments in Alberta, and will be engaging with the regulator throughout the rulemaking process.</p>
<p>LOUISIANA</p>	<p>The Louisiana legislature adjourned without any discussion of iGaming legislation. Bills were not introduced this session.</p> <p>Instead the legislature focused attention on “sweepstakes” gaming and did pass a bill that would prohibit it, yet, that bill was vetoed by the Governor.</p> <p>In December 2024, iDEA testified in support of iGaming at an informational hearing. That testimony can be seen here.</p>	<p>Session Adjourns – 6/12/25</p>	<p>iDEA will be working over the summer and fall with industry and lawmakers to continue to educate on iGaming.</p> <p>We will also be monitoring any actions related to online sweepstakes as it is expected that the state will initiate some enforcement actions in this area.</p> <p>The Gov’s decision to not directly oppose sweeps should open the door to future discussion of iGaming.</p>
<p>MARYLAND</p>	<p>The Legislature adjourned without addressing iGaming. The budget does include an increase in the</p>	<p>Adjourns – 4/07/25</p>	<p>We remain engaged with lawmakers to monitor the possibility of a special session.</p>

	<p>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>We attended an event on 06/10 hosted by Senator Ron Watson, who has been a champion for iGaming. We were able to discuss the issue with several lawmakers and political influencers who were in attendance.</p>
<p>MASS</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>Links to House and Senate 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>	<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>NEW JERSEY</p>	<p>With the primary election for Governor now concluded, the focus in New Jersey now shifts back to finishing up the budget, which includes discussions on the proposed tax increase on online gaming and sports betting.</p> <p>The deadline to pass a budget is June 30th.</p> <p>As was previously shared, the New Jersey Governor has proposed a tax increase on online gaming and sports betting (see Member Portal).</p>	<p>June 30th: Budget Deadline</p>	<p>Jeff Ifrah had an op-ed published that lays out why the state should not increase taxes. You can read Jeff's piece here</p> <p>iDEA is working on finalizing an advertising plan that will run the next couple of weeks, leading up to the budget deadline. It will feature a lot of the same themes that Jeff wrote about in his op-ed.</p>

<p>NEW YORK</p>	<p>The session is coming to an end and as expected the iGaming bills did not advance.</p> <p>The Senate did pass a sweepstakes prohibition bill, but it is unclear whether it will be approved and sent to the Governor before session adjourns.</p>	<p>Adjourns – 06/13/25</p>	<p>IDEA continues to monitor developments and continues to engage with key lawmakers.</p>
<p>OHIO</p>	<p>House and Senate leaders are beginning to discuss their respective budget bills. Currently, iGaming is not included, but that can change given the budget dynamics.</p> <p>The Governor has made some public comments about the potential for addiction if iGaming is legalized, but he stopped short of opposing it.</p>	<p>6/25: Budget deadline</p> <p>Legislature is year-round</p>	<p>We are actively engaged with lawmakers and other stakeholders in Ohio through our lobbyist and other strong connections to the state.</p> <p>We submitted our recommended alternative proposal, focused on tax rates, license fees and market access on May 30th, per a request from House/Senate lawmakers. The submission can be found here.</p> <p>We are reviewing the report provided to us by Eilers that examines the economic impact of igaming at more reasonable rates. We will be finalizing soon and sharing with lawmakers.</p>

Legislative Updates: Sports Betting

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ALASKA	<p>On Friday, 5/16 the Labor and Commerce committee held a hearing on HB 145. The hearing can be viewed here. This was a “check the box” hearing to ensure that the issue would remain alive until next session. So nothing will happen again on HB 145 until 2026.</p> <p>The bill would authorize up to 10 sports wagering licenses and impose a tax rate of 20%.</p>	May 21: first session adjournment	iDEA will monitor developments and will remain in touch with the bill sponsor.
LOUISIANA	<p>The House passed an amended version of HB 639 which would increase the sports betting tax rate from 15% to 21.5%. A previous version of the bill that passed out of Committee would have increased the tax rate to 32.5%</p> <p>The bill now is in the Senate and the effort will now focus on stopping the bill in the Senate (best case) or ensuring that if the Senate does act, they do not seek to raise it further.</p>	Week of May 12: House returns to session.	<p>iDEA sent a letter to House lawmakers urging opposition of HB 639, and we’re evaluating our approach in the Senate.</p> <p>We also published an op-ed in a publication targeted to state lawmakers making the case to oppose the bill. Letter and op-ed can be found on the Member Portal.</p>
MINNESOTA	<p>The Minnesota Legislature held its special session this week and passed the unresolved budget bills, one of them being the omnibus tax bill. As expected, the sports betting study wasn’t included in the final passed version of the tax bill.</p>	Session: Adjourned	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Minnesota Legislature.
NORTH CAROLINA	<p>NC House lawmakers did not include a sports betting tax rate increase in their budget. Earlier this year, the Senate passed their own version of the budget that included doubling the tax rate to 36%.</p> <p>There is still work to do to ensure that a final budget bill that is agreed to by both the House and the Senate will not include an increase.</p>	July 1: Budget deadline; however, typically deadline isn’t met; often not finalized until the fall.	<p>iDEA has worked with stakeholders to oppose the House including a tax increase in their budget bill.</p> <p>We sent a letter to legislative leaders and published an op-ed in a local NC media outlet to reinforce our messaging re: tax rate.</p>
NEW YORK	<p>A7962 was introduced in the NY Assembly that would place limits on bets as well as restrictions on advertising, among other things:</p>	Adjourns – 06/13/25	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the New York Legislature.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cap the daily wagering limit at \$5,000; • Creates a prohibition on certain advertisement practices, including odds boosts or similar offers, advertising that contains the phrases "bonus", "no sweat", "bonus bet", or any other similar term; • Places restrictions on when ads can be run. <p>The bill has been referred to the Assembly's Racing And Wagering Committee.</p>		
OKLAHOMA	<p>The two sports wagering bills died in the Senate on 05/08/25. The lack of tribal consensus on the legislation coupled with the threat of a Governor veto doomed the bills from being passed.</p> <p>Given the acrimonious relationship between the tribes and the Governor, enacting a sports wagering law will be difficult until after a new Governor is elected in Nov. 2026.</p>	Adjourns – May 30th	iDEA will continue to monitor and report on progress in Oklahoma.
WISCONSIN	<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 here.</p>	<p>Session Start: 1/07/25</p> <p>Adjourns; Dec 2025</p>	iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Wisconsin legislature.

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<p>MARYLAND</p>	<p>Great news in MD. During the 05/22 meeting of the Maryland Lottery the commission announced that they are withdrawing the proposed amendment to the rules that would eliminate promotional deductions for sports wagering.</p> <p>Good win that will help our members with sports wagering operations save \$\$ in face of the tax rate increase that will go into effect.</p>		<p>iDEA sent a letter to the MLGCA urging them to withdraw the amendment (iDEA letter and additional info here)</p> <p>We spoke with the MD Lottery, which indicated no decision has been made on the promo tax amendment and that they are weighing our input and that of stakeholders.</p> <p>On 5/14 we had a follow-up discussion with a Lottery Commissioner, and shared additional info on why removing promo deductions would not yield significant revenue. He understood iDEA's position and promised to relay our concerns as the process unfolds.</p>
<p>MISSOURI</p>	<p>The application window for operators, suppliers, and occupational licenses opened on May 15, 2025. All of the applications can be found here.</p> <p>Applications for two untethered licenses are due by July 15 – these will be awarded by August 15th. All others are due by Sept 12th.</p> <p>A copy of the rules that were submitted can be found here.</p>	<p>May 15 – Application process to begin</p> <p>July 15 – Untethered applications due.</p> <p>Aug 15 – Untethered licenses awarded.</p> <p>Aug 30 – New effective date of rules</p> <p>Sept 12: Deadline for all other applicants</p> <p>Dec 1 – launch deadline</p>	<p>IDEA will continue to monitor and update</p>