

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>At this week's Canadian Gaming Summit, Minister Nally reiterated that consultations are ongoing with tribal nations and the province's existing land-based casinos to see how they will participate in iGaming. The newly formed Alberta iGaming Corp is ramping up and will be establishing rules around licensing, tax rates, responsible gaming and other operational requirements. The Minister suggests that they will closely follow the Ontario model.</p> <p>He also stated that he expects the market to launch in "early 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 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 – 4/07/25</p>	<p>We remain engaged with lawmakers to monitor the possibility of a special session.</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>On 6/23, the MA Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure will host a hearing on two iGaming bills - S.235 and H.332 - along with several other bills. More info on the hearing can be found here.</p> <p>Based on our intel, it's not likely the bills will advance during this session, however, the state could be facing budgetary issues and iGaming is being tee'd up as a revenue solution for later this year or for next year's budget.</p> <p>Key aspects of the bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5m license fee (5-yr term), renewal fee \$5m • Fees for platform providers TBD by Gaming Commission • Temporary licensure (for immediate commencement) available to qualified entities for \$1m • No information on licensing of suppliers • 20% on AGR (includes full promo deductibility in year 1, but phases out bases on % of total wagers per operator) • 10 total market access points = 2 per each of the 3 casinos + 4 untethered licenses • Live dealer permitted, not required to be hosted in-state 	<p>06/23/25 – Hearing in Joint Committee</p>	<p>iDEA has submitted written testimony and we are testifying on the 23rd via their remote witness option.</p> <p>We are testifying in support of the bill, but consistent with our position in other jurisdictions we will be encouraging more market participation by increasing the tethered and untethered options.</p>

<p>NEW JERSEY</p>	<p>Lawmakers are getting close to finalizing the budget. The Governor is now asking for a 20% tax on both iGaming and sports betting. Other lawmakers are pushing for 18% and 16% respectively.</p> <p>Good news is that it appears that the 25% proposal is off the table.</p> <p>The deadline to pass a budget is June 30th.</p>	<p>June 30th: Budget Deadline</p>	<p>iDEA has been very active pushing back against the tax increases. This week we ran a digital ad campaign that was making a strong impression on lawmakers. The digital ads linked back to this iDEA landing page, outlining why lawmakers should oppose tax increases and also to the Jeff Ifrah op-ed.</p>
<p>NEW YORK</p>	<p>The session has concluded and as expected the iGaming bills did not advance.</p> <p>The legislature did pass a sweepstakes prohibition bill. The bill will be transmitted to the Governor for signature or veto in the coming weeks. Once she has the bill, she has 30 days to act.</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 finalizing their 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>On 06/19 we shared key elements of the Eilers reports we had commissioned that shows that a competitive market (17+ entrants), with lower license fees and an effective tax rate of 29.7% would generate \$3.1b in tax revenue over 5 years.</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>

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 adjourned	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>
NORTH CAROLINA	NC House lawmakers did not include a sports betting tax rate increase in their budget. Earlier this year, the Senate	July 1: Budget deadline;	iDEA has worked with stakeholders to oppose the House including a tax increase in

	<p>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>	<p>however, typically deadline isn't met; often not finalized until the fall.</p>	<p>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>
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>	<p>Adjourns – May 30th</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor and report on progress in Oklahoma.</p>
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>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Wisconsin legislature.</p>

Regulatory Advocacy

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MISSOURI	<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>