

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 last 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> |

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| <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 held a hearing on two iGaming bills - S.235 and H.332 - along with several other bills. An archived video of 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 submitted written testimony and we testified remotely at the hearing.</p> <p>We testified in support of the bill, but consistent with our position in other jurisdictions encouraged more market participation by increasing the tethered and untethered options.</p> |

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| <p>NEW JERSEY</p> | <p>Lawmakers settled on a compromise tax increase for both sports betting and iGaming, raising them both to 19.75%. This tax change will be included in the state budget which is expected to be approved on 06/27/25.</p> <p>More information can be found on the member portal.</p> | <p>June 27: Budget Vote</p> | <p>IDEA has been very active pushing back against the tax increases.</p> <p>Over the past several weeks we had an op-ed by Jeff Ifrah published in a prominent state publication and we launched a targeted ad campaign that linked to a dedicated landing page on our website, and a direct email campaign to state lawmakers. We heard directly from lawmakers and stakeholders that our messaging had an impact.</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 – 6/13/25</p> | <p>IDEA continues to monitor developments and continues to engage with key lawmakers.</p> |
| <p>OHIO</p> | <p>House and Senate leaders finalized their budget and it did not include any gaming related items. iGaming was not included, neither was VLT expansion, both issues were subject to hearing in the past month.</p> <p>Also notable is that the Governor’s effort to increase the sports betting tax rate to 40% was also not included in the budget.</p> <p>iGaming is closed for now, we do expect opportunities to elevate these discussions again later in the session as lawmakers discuss property tax relief.</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 6/19 we shared key data from the Eilers’ study, which 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 30, per a request from House/Senate lawmakers. The submission can be found here.</p> |

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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. |
| 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> |
| WISCONSIN | 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 . | Session Start: 1/07/25 Adjourns; Dec 2025 | iDEA will continue to monitor the activity of the Wisconsin legislature. |

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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> |