

**June 30, 2023**

**Latest state updates highlighted in green**

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
<b>INDIANA</b> <i>(iGaming)</i>	Indiana General Assembly's long session has concluded, with both chambers adjourning just before 2am on April 28. Neither iGaming nor iLottery were authorized in any form during this legislative session.	Adjourned	iDEA continues to work with key legislators and stakeholders in Indiana.
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	Bill number for SD.766 was changed to S.182; then referred to Joint Comm. on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.  This bill would make sportsbooks subject to Massachusetts deceptive advertising laws. More information is available in the <a href="#">Member Portal</a> .	Nov. 11 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Massachusetts legislature.
<b>MINNESOTA</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	MN Legislature adjourned; no sports betting legislation passed.  May 10: Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Comm. passed sports wagering bill (8-5); bill then referred to Tax Comm., then re-referred to Rules and Administration Comm.  May 11: Rules and Administration Comm. reported bill out of Committee and sent to Tax Comm.  May 12: Minnesota Senate Tax Comm. passed sports wagering bill out of committee and sent to Senate Finance Comm; unlikely sports betting legislation will pass this year.  Bills can be accessed in the <a href="#">Member Portal</a> .	Adjourned	
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b> <i>(iGaming)</i>	Apr 26: House Ways and Means Committee unanimously recommended against passage of SB 104 (Lang). The bill, however, can still be called for vote on the House floor.  As background, SB 104 would authorize online gaming and direct net proceeds to a community college education scholarship fund. The NH Lottery Commission would choose online casino operators in a competitive bidding process.  Mar 23: Finance Committee adopted amendment to the bill removing legalization of online slots to address concerns from the state's retail-based charitable casinos.	Jun. 30 – adjournment	It now appears unlikely that New Hampshire will pass iGaming in 2023. iDEA will monitor the activity of the New Hampshire legislature.

	The introduced and amended bill can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .		
<b>NEW YORK</b> <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>Mar 14: Assembly and Senate released their one-house budgets; neither proposal included iGaming revenue.</p> <p>Feb. 27: NY State Assembly passed A1118, sponsored by Assemb. Clyde Vanel; proposal calls for sports betting companies to include info within advertising that highlights potential dangers of legal gambling. Bill then moved to Senate where it was referred to the Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee.</p> <p>Feb. 15: Sen. Addabbo filed bill <a href="#">S.4856</a> to legalize iGaming. The bill would offer an online license to each sports betting operator, and proposed tax rate is 30.5%.</p> <p>Feb 1: Gov. Kathy Hochul unveiled 2024 executive budget; legal iGaming was not included.</p> <p>Jan 31: the New York Senate Racing, Gaming, and Wagering Committee and Assembly Racing and Wagering Committee conducted joint subject matter hearing on mobile sports betting. Operators testified on need to lower state's 51% tax rate.</p> <p>Jan 17: Sen. Joseph Addabbo filed S.1962 that would tie a reduction in tax rate to an increase in number of operators. Under the legislation, the tax rate would be lowered to 50% for 10-12 operators, 35% for 13-14; and 25% for 15+.</p> <p>Other bills we're monitoring include S 1550, which would require all advertisements to include warnings about the potentially harmful and addictive effects of gambling, and A 1056, which would create a problem gambling advisory council.</p> <p>Copies of all bills can be accessed in the <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</p>		iDEA will monitor the activity of the New York legislature.
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>June 14: NC Gov Roy Cooper signed H 347 into law. The state now has 12 months to launch online sports betting. A copy of the ratified bill can be accessed here <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>June 7: House concurred with Senate changes to the sports betting bill; now heads to Governor, and anticipated he will sign.</p>	Aug. 31 – adjournment	iDEA will monitor the activity of the North Carolina legislature.

	<p>June 1: H 347 passed out of Senate. Due to changes being made in Senate, the bill must go back to House for concurrence vote. Sports betting will be launched no later than 12 months after the bill becomes law.</p> <p>May 24: Senate Committee on Commerce and Insurance amended and then reported H 347 to Senate Committee on Finance. Among changes is increasing the tax rate to 18%.</p>		
<p><b>OHIO</b> <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p><b>The Ohio budget conference committee continues to meet to work out the budget differences.</b></p> <p>June 22: The Ohio budget conference committee started on The House of Representatives is fighting hard against the Senate 10% tax increase. The House members are confident they can fight back the increase. The state is looking for money to put towards education and high school sports, among others. The state collected more taxes than expected in their revenue estimating conference on top of having a cash rich Rainy Day Fund, which is a reason to support not raising tax on sports betting.</p> <p>June 15: Senate passed their version of budget, which includes the tax increase on sports gaming. Budget now heads to conference committee.</p> <p>Senate’s substitute budget bill reinstated Gov. DeWine’s proposed doubling of sports gaming tax from 10% to 20%. With education budget negotiations being an intricate part of the process, we’ve been informed that a deal has been struck on education and the funding will come from either the Rainy Day Fund and extra revenues the state has from original projections in the budget estimate.</p> <p>In his recommended two-year state budget proposal, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine proposed doubling the tax on sports betting from 10% to 20%. A copy of the proposed budget can be accessed in the <a href="#">Member Portal</a> (proposed tax increase on line 73672).</p>		<p><b>On June 27, iDEA General Counsel, Jeff Ifrah sent a letter to members of Ohio’s HB 33 Conference Committee with recommendations related to the state Senate’s proposed tax increase on sports betting.</b></p> <p><a href="#">iDEA Letter to Ohio</a> re: tax increase on sports betting</p> <p>iDEA will continue to monitor activity in Ohio.</p>
<p><b>RHODE ISLAND</b> <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>June 22: Governor McKee signed the iGaming bills into law; will take effect on March 1, 2024.</p> <p>June 13: House Finance Committee recommended passage of <a href="#">substitute B for S 948</a>; amended House version iGaming bill <a href="#">H 6348 Sub A</a> and recommended for passage. The bills mirror each other.</p> <p>June 15: Both bills passed House and Senate and have been sent to the Governor. Note: While only one of the bills must go through the legislative</p>	<p>Jun. 30 – adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Rhode Island legislature.</p>

	<p>process to become law, it's not uncommon in RI for both versions – even though they're identical – to be enacted into law.</p> <p>June 6: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee recommended passage of bill substitute A for S 948 and placed it on the Senate calendar. On June 8, Senate passed substitute bill.</p> <p>May 10: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee had hearing on S 948; recommended the bill be held for further study.</p> <p>April 27: State Senate President Dominick Ruggiero filed S 948, a bill to legalize iGaming. The legislation would allow the Division of Lotteries to authorize online slots and table games at Bally's retail casinos in the state.</p>		
<b>VERMONT</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>June 14: Gov. Phil Scott signed <a href="#">H 127</a> into law. The Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery will be the regulatory body that oversees sports wagering. Sports wagering expected to launch by January 2024.</p> <p>May 9: Vermont House of Reps concurred on Senate changes to sports wagering bill. The bill now heads to Gov. Phil Scott, and it is anticipated that he will sign.</p> <p>May 3: Senate passed H 127 (Birong) with various amendments that do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alters the fee structure to bring in more money per operator, spread over multiple years.</li> <li>• Eliminates cap on advertising, allowing Dept. of Liquor and Lottery (DLL) to negotiate that with operators.</li> <li>• Bans advertising on college campuses.</li> <li>• Prohibits advertising on products marketed to those under the age 21.</li> <li>• Requires operators to submit an advertising plan as part of application and contract with the DLL.</li> <li>• Adjusts revenue to problem gambling fund.</li> <li>• Establishes penalty for sportsbooks operating illegally in VT.</li> </ul> <p>The bill would legalize up to six sports betting apps. While there is no current tax projection, the Governor's annual budget includes \$2.6 million of sports betting tax revenue.</p> <p>A copy of the bill and adopted amendments can be accessed in the <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</p>	Adjourned	

## Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2023

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<b>KENTUCKY</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>We expect draft rules to be public in the coming week. Initial intel indicates they will be emergency rules and allow operators that currently have licenses in other states to operate in Kentucky. The Governor is pushing hard for the state to launch before NFL 2023 season. It was announced that the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) is tentatively planning an early July meeting to review and approve the rules.</p> <p>Due to the deaths of several horses, Churchill Downs is closed and the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission has temporarily delayed work on the sports wagering regulations.</p> <p>KY's sports betting bill – HB 551 (Meredith) will become effective on June 28; the KHRC will have 6 months from that date (until Dec. 28) to promulgate regulations, although the draft rules are expected to available much sooner.</p>	<p>Jun 28: effective date for Kentucky sports betting legislation</p> <p>Early July: Kentucky Horse Racing Commission tentative meeting to review and approve rules</p> <p>Dec 28: deadline for KHRC to promulgate sports betting regulations</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the KHRC.</p>
<b>MAINE</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>May 17: Maine's Gambling Control Unit released new proposed regulations governing sports betting with substantial revisions. Comments due on June 16; final regs expected in September.</p> <p>Many of iDEA's concerns were addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restrictions on the use of joint accounts were removed.</li> <li>• Restrictions on advertising were narrowly tailored to those that would appeal to persons under 21 years old.</li> <li>• 10-day advance review of advertisements was removed.</li> <li>• Removal of restrictions on advertising only during live events and only on channels that televise events.</li> </ul> <p>The proposed rules can be accessed in the <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</p>	<p>September-Final Regulations Expected</p>	<p>On Feb. 23, iDEA submitted a written letter on the proposed rules focusing on the taxation of promotions and bonuses and the onerous advertising restrictions. MGCU Director Milton Champion has commented that the advertising restrictions will not be significantly changed in the revised rules.</p> <p><a href="#">iDEA Letter to Maine</a></p>
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>At its June 29 meeting, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) voted to require that any sports wagering operator logo that is on signage or a fixed structure in a sports venue include "21 plus" language. The operators and sports venues have 90 days to comply with this new rule.</p> <p>June 15 MGC meeting: approved waiver to referral promotions prohibition through August 1.</p>	<p>Aug 1-Expiration of the waiver to the referral promotions prohibition</p>	<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the MGC.</p>

	<p>May 23 MGC meeting: unanimously voted to continue taxing sports betting operators on revenue generated by promotional play.</p> <p>May 16 MGC meeting: debated proposed amendment to advertising regulation that requires branding to consist of trademark or logo on stationary signage that includes “21 plus” notice if displayed on signage or a fixed structure in a location where it is likely to be viewed by persons under 21 years old.</p> <p>The discussion was tabled and the current branding waiver has been extended to June 30.</p>		
<b>NEW YORK</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>Proposed mobile sports wagering advertising regs that were approved at the last New York State Gaming Commission meeting have not been officially published in the State Register, which is published on a weekly basis. Once published, there will be 60-day public comment period.</p> <p>May 22: New York State Gaming Commission met and voted on revised proposed rules for sports betting advertising, marketing and promotions. The revised regulations can be accessed in the <a href="#">here</a>.</p>		iDEA will monitor the activity of the NYSGC.
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The NC State Lottery Commission is forming a sub-committee to draft the sports wagering rules and guide the promulgation process.</p>		iDEA will monitor the activity of the North Carolina Lottery Commission.
<b>OHIO</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>June 28: The Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC) sent an email to sports gaming stakeholders requesting that each operator confirm that it does not - or has ceased offering - any directed consumer promotions, based on non-gaming consumer transactions, no later than 5pm on Friday, July 7, 2023.</p> <p>To assist the industry, the OCCC has proposed a change to administrative rules, which can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>The OCCC welcomes stakeholder comments on the proposed administrative rule change.</p> <p>Comments should be submitted no later than 5pm on Wed, July 12, 2023 to: <a href="mailto:rulecomments@casinocontrol.ohio.gov">rulecomments@casinocontrol.ohio.gov</a>.</p>	<p><b>July 7:</b> Deadline for OCCC’s Request of Operators to confirm that they do not - or have ceased offering - any directed consumer promotions, based on non-gaming consumer transactions</p> <p><b>July 12:</b> Deadline to submit comments on proposed administrative rules change</p>	iDEA will monitor the activity of the Ohio Casino Control Commission.

<b>VERMONT</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery (DLL) has released a copy of their sports wagering procedures, which are available in the <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</p>		<p>iDEA will monitor the activity of the Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery.</p>
<b>WASHINGTON</b> <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>iDEA's efforts helped achieve a reduction to license fees assessed by the Washington State Gambling Commission (WSGC). The license fee changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major sports wagering vendors \$65,000 → \$30,000</li> <li>• Mid-level sports wagering vendors \$10,000 → \$5,000</li> <li>• Ancillary sports wagering vendors \$5,000 → \$2,000.</li> </ul> <p>The WSGC filed the final regulation on May 18, with effective date of June 18. Final regulations available in the <a href="#">Member Portal</a>.</p>		<p>On Feb 13, iDEA submitted comments via a letter to the Washington State Gambling Commission (WSGC) with recommendation to reduce sports wagering licenses fees as set forth in WAC 230-05-170 (1).</p> <p><a href="#">iDEA Comment Letter-WA License Fees</a></p>