

July 15, 2022

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IDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	IDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ILLINOIS <i>(iGaming + Sports Amendments)</i>	<p>On 06/17 iDEA met with the head of the Illinois Casino Association to discuss coordination of efforts on iGaming. It was a productive call and we will be following up with his team and lobbyists representing the casinos to present our plan for a Fall iGaming Fly-In.</p> <p>On 06/02 iDEA spoke with a representative from the Gov's office about concerns they raised regarding our supplier licensing fix bill.</p> <p>We articulated how the supplier fee structure in IL is out of whack with other gaming licenses in that state as well as other supplier fees throughout the country.</p> <p>The Gov's office main concern is a loss of planned revenue. They contend that the high annual license fee for supplier (\$150k) was actually intentional as a way to meet revenue projections.</p> <p>Ultimately, we may need to consider some compromise language.</p>	<p>September – Planning for a 2 day session of meetings in Chicago.</p> <p>November – Veto session exact dates TBD.</p>	<p>In response the Gov's office, we are compiling information to share that highlights why this change makes sense from a policy perspective and why the impact of state revenues will be de minimis to the overall revenue being contributed from sports wagering.</p> <p>We are organizing a Chicago-area fly-in to introduce iDEA members and iGaming to key lawmakers in the region.</p>
INDIANA <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>IDEA had extensive meetings with Indiana state lawmakers and key stakeholders during the NCLGS conference. For a full recap of these discussions please visit the Member Portal.</p> <p>We have also posted supplemental information provided by our in-state lobbyists, which we encourage you to access here.</p> <p>Legislature will return for a special session in July. While it is not likely that gaming issues could be addressed during this session, if the legislature seeks to address matters related to state revenues, there could be an opening for iGaming (this is low probability, but something we will be ready to pounce on).</p> <p>The IN Gaming Commission is also expected to release their own iGaming study which is being conducted by Spectrum Gaming. The release of the study could be later this Summer.</p>	<p>July 25-Special Session to begin</p> <p>Late Summer – release of IGC iGaming study</p>	<p>Our team is actively using the interim session to meet with influential lawmakers and gather support for iGaming.</p> <p>We met with Senator Bray's office on 07/05. His staff continues to express concern about possible gaming related indictments related to the Spectacle casino scandal. They did not close the door on a bill, and recommended that we push it first in the House before the Senate will consider it.</p> <p>We had productive discussions at NCLGS with lawmakers, the casino association and the VP of Govt Affairs for Boyd Gaming. We mapped out a legislative strategy for iGaming to advance in Indiana in 2023. Given continued resistance from Senate President Bray, an effort to get iGaming included in the budget could be a way to work around his opposition.</p>

MASS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>iDEA met with several Massachusetts lawmakers at the NCLGS conference, including two that serve on the sports wagering conference committee.</p> <p>Privately, the lawmakers expressed frustration with the Senate who in their words are “not as committed” to compromise as the House. We advocated strongly with the lawmakers on the issues we raised in our formal letter.</p> <p>For additional insights from NCLGS, please visit the Member Portal.</p>	<p>July 2022 – next expected meeting of the conference committee on sports wagering</p> <p>July 31 – Regular session adjourns.</p>	<p>We have been following up with conferees on our letter sent 06/08 and providing additional information.</p> <p>You can read a sample of the letter that was sent to all 6 members of the conference committee here: iDEA-Letter-to-Senator-Lesser_6.8.22.pdf (ideagrowth.org)</p>
MISSOURI <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i>	<p>iDEA met with Senator Denny Hoskins at the NCGLS conference. He has been the key figure for sports betting in the state, but has insisted that it be tied to VLT expansion which has effectively killed the advancement of sports betting.</p> <p>We are pushing him to also include iGaming into future legislative efforts. More on our discussion can be found on the Member Portal.</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>
NEW YORK <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i>	<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>

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Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Opportunities
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>iDEA met with key members of the OCCC regulatory team at the NCLGS Conference. A full update on the discussion can be found on the Member Portal.</p> <p>The first application window closes on July 15, and the 2nd window is now open for companies with 2nd skin agreements.</p> <p>The OCCC updates a list every Friday of companies that have applied for licenses. This list can be accessed here. (updates are usually later in the afternoon ET).</p>	<p>Launch date – on 01/01/23</p> <p>July 15 – Aug 15: 2nd application window for licensees (2nd skins)</p> <p>August – Launch of an OCCC compliance portal</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>As shared on the member portal earlier this week, the SWARC moved up their meeting from 07/20 to 07/13. During this meeting the commission approved draft licensing regulations and applications. Those can be found here.</p> <p>iDEA also met with the MD Lottery at the NCGLS conference, where they provided a possible timeline for applications, license review and launch. You can get details in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>August 20th – Next SWARC meeting</p> <p>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>

ONTARIO, CAN <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>The new cabinet for Ontario’s government was announced last week and many of the key ministers who have worked on gaming issues previously, will continue to serve in the government:</p> <p>The role of Finance Minister is remaining with Peter Bethlenfalvy The role of Attorney General is remaining with Doug Downey. The role of Minister of Economic Development remains with Vic Fideli.</p> <p>Over the next weeks we will know which staffers will be working on gaming issues moving forward.</p>	September – Expected release of revenue number to date.	iDEA has been engaging with AGCO throughout the process and remains in contact with them on several areas related to advertising, testing, licensing and addressing the gray (now black) market.
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Other States iDEA is Monitoring 2022 (Legislative Phase)

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KANSAS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>IDEA has obtained a copy of the draft regulations for Kansas sports wagering. These were recently issued to the state’s licensed facilities for review and feedback. You can read more here, including the draft regulations Kansas: DRAFT Regulations for Sports Wagering • iDEA (ideagrowth.org)</p> <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>Companies seeking to operate in the state (including suppliers) should have received a notice and questionnaire from the KGRC to be returned before the end of the month. If you have not received, please contact John Pappas for information.</p> <p>While regulators would like to achieve a retail/mobile launch by the beginning of football season, they are cautioning that much work needs to be done and are already suggesting that it would happen in the fall, rather than the start of NFL season.</p>	<p>August 1 – Applications process announced by regulator (by statute)</p> <p>August 15 – suitability investigations to begin (by statute)</p> <p>Sept – Hoped launch of retail/mobile sports wagering</p>	iDEA is communicating state Lottery and the Racing and Gaming Commission who will have joint oversight over the rulemaking process and the regulation of sports wagering.

<p>NORTH CAROLINA <i>(Sports)</i></p>	<p>As expected, the Legislature has adjourned without sports wagering passing. Earlier this week, after a very contentious debate, the North Carolina House wrapped up its voting on the two sports wagering bills, SB 38 and SB 688.</p> <p>The House took up SB 38 first. The bill passed on second reading by a vote of 51-50. Important to note that an amendment was included in the bill that prohibits all bets on collegiate sports.</p> <p>The House then took up SB 688. Ultimately, the bill failed/didn't pass second reading. The final vote was 49-52.</p> <p>The fact that both bills did not pass, effectively kills the sports betting effort for this year. We understand that there are some parliamentary procedures that may be used to try for one final vote between now and the end of session. However, these are long shots.</p> <p>For more detailed info, please see our post on the Member Portal.</p>		<p>iDEA is engaging with lawmakers and seeking opportunities to testify or otherwise advocate for policies.</p>
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