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iDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ILLINOIS (iGaming + Sports Amendments)	<p>This week we met with internal and external lobbyists for Penn which has 3 casinos in the state. They support our efforts to promote iGaming and claim it is also a top priority for them.</p> <p>They would like to work with us on “iGaming education” sessions with lawmakers, but are not certain on timing of when these should occur. The November veto session may be the earliest date for this. We have asked for their help get the support of the Casino Association.</p> <p>We have also tried to ascertain Rush Street Gaming’s interest in pursuing iGaming. They are an influential casino player in Illinois. As of now, they have not been willing to commit to a position.</p>	<p>Fall – Possible fly-in to Springfield during the veto session.</p>	<p>iDEA continues to engage with in-state gaming stakeholders to build a coalition of support around iGaming and coordination for “iGaming education” sessions with lawmakers in the Fall.</p> <p>We have prepared a letter to share with the Governor’s office to address their possible concerns with the supplier license bill which we hope to have passed during the November veto session. We plan to send the letter in early September.</p> <p>John Pappas will be attending an event for Rep. Bob Rita next month. Rep. Rita is the leader for all issues related to gaming in the Illinois House.</p>
INDIANA (iGaming)	<p>On 08/11 iDEA spoke with the IN Speaker of the House about how to advance iGaming legislation this year. He noted that one area of focus for the legislature will be how the revenue from iGaming can be most impactful for the state. Currently the state has a \$6B surplus, so rather than going to the general fund he’d like to find how it can be reinvested into local communities.</p>	<p>Sept 7/8 – iDEA to attend lawmaker retreat in Indiana</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 will be working with our lobbying team to identify good uses for iGaming revenue and turn those beneficiaries into allies to push for its passage.</p> <p>We will also be in Indiana for the RLCC retreat and have plans to meet with several Indiana lawmakers</p>

MASS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Mass Gaming Commission held a meeting 08/18, which included the state's licensed casinos and OTB's. The Commission does plan on having another meeting with other stakeholders, including potential licensees. During the 08/18 meeting the casinos/OTBs shared their perspectives and input on the regulatory process, operations, licensing procedures, responsible gaming and advertising, among other topics.</p> <p>Also, the MGC announced the release of the "Notice of Intent" so companies can indicate whether they intend to seek a mobile sports wagering license. The information gathered will help inform the pace of their regulatory process.</p> <p>A full summary of the meeting has been posted to the Member Portal.</p>	<p>No firm dates announced for launch. Likely that Retail launch before end of the year, but mobile will be in 2023.</p> <p>August 31 – Deadline to file "Notice of Intent" to seek a mobile license.</p>	<p>iDEA is closely monitoring developments in Massachusetts and will be providing input to the MGC as they develop rules and regulations.</p> <p>iDEA played a role in shaping the final policies in the bill. Many of the key items we advocated for were adopted by the legislature. 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>John Pappas participated on a panel in New York about the future of iGaming. Also on the panel were Senator Addabbo and Howard Glaser (LightAndWonder).</p> <p>With respect to NY iGaming, a major theme was the inclusion of VLT casinos and horse racing industries. They either want a license, or a portion of revenues.</p> <p>Addabbo is asking for stakeholders to come to him now with input on the bill.</p>	<p>Fall – iGaming briefing with Sen. Addabbo and iDEA members.</p> <p>December – reintroduction of iGaming bill.</p>	<p>We are talking to Sen. Addabbo staff about doing a briefing for iDEA members on his plans for iGaming.</p> <p>We are providing input on his legislation from earlier this year so it can be prepared for introduction before session which begins in January.</p>

Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Opportunities
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The OCCC posted new information related to standard sports gaming employee applications, a reminder on compliance material submissions and Type-C sports gaming host applications. The full update can be found here.</p> <p>Ohio sports wagering regulations that require “cash on hand” to pay out players could have an impact on the launch for mobile betting. It has been rumored that kiosk-based Class C retail establishment may seek to amend the existing law or issue a legal challenge. See linked article for additional background.</p> <p>Any legislative action would have to occur during the “lame duck” session which is after the November elections. We are confident that a legislative change can be blocked, but a legal challenge could be far more unpredictable.</p> <p>Ultimately, the state regulator and the Lottery regulator are working to create some accommodation for these retailers so it will not impact the full launch of sports wagering in Ohio.</p>	<p>November 2 – Compliance materials must be approved by this date to launch by Jan 1.</p>	<p>iDEA continues to engage with the OCCC on matters related to rulemaking and the launch of mobile sports betting.</p> <p>All applicants can be found on the OCCC website.</p>
MARYLAND <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The SWARC met this week and approved the final applications for mobile sports wagering. They also stated that they are aiming to have mobile sports launched ahead of the 2023 Super Bowl.</p> <p>A full recap of the meeting and relevant timelines can be found on the Member Portal.</p>	<p>August 26th – Rules published in MD Register.</p> <p>September – Best case for license application process to begin</p> <p>Early 2023 – Targeted launch for mobile sports betting.</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>Recent news reports regarding potential violations by the OLG in the land-based gaming venues is causing a heightened level of review for all gaming items in Ontario. iDEA will continue to monitor this</p>	<p>September – Expected release of</p>	<p>iDEA has engaged with AGCO/IGO and government agencies throughout the process and continues to reach out on issues of shared industry concern.</p>

	<p>situation and provide updates as it has the potential to impact efforts to change/update rules related to internet gaming.</p> <p>We are aware that iGO is seeking to impose a weekly cap (\$250) on pre-paid cards that can be used for mobile gaming. They are doing so without a formal consultation process.</p> <p>Companies in the payments space and operators are encouraged to reach out to iGO and AGCO to weigh-in on this proposed policy. We ask for any member who is concerned about this proposal to reach out to our advocacy team.</p>	revenue number to date.	We are reaching out to CGA about the pre-paid card issue and will consider a joint letter to raise concerns.
KANSAS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission have approved regulations for sports wagering which are available here.</p> <p>This week the Kansas Lottery announced that sports wagering soft launch will begin on Sept 1, with a hard launch expected before the NFL season starts.</p> <p>You can view the Lottery's announcement via YouTube.</p>	<p>Sept1 – Soft launch</p> <p>Sept 8 – full launch.</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.