

Legislative Updates: iGaming

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ALBERTA, CAN	<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>Alberta has been undergoing consultation with industry stakeholders and indigenous groups on regulatory structure. You can learn more about the process and how to participate by visiting this link.</p> <p>They're aiming for the market to launch in "early 2026."</p> <p>We understand via the Canadian Gaming Association the Alberta government will be providing an industry update at G2E. We will share details when available.</p>	Oct Update at G2E	iDEA will continue to monitor the developments in Alberta, and will be engaging with the regulator throughout the rulemaking process.
MARYLAND	<p>The Legislature adjourned without addressing iGaming. The budget does include an increase in the sports betting tax rate from 15% to 20%; a compromise from the proposed 30% rate.</p> <p>The state still faces budget issues and lawmakers are discussing coming back later this year for a special session; presenting an opportunity for iGaming to resurface as a budget solution.</p>	Adjourned – 4/07/25	<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>
MASS	New iGaming legislation was introduced by Rep. Muradian. You can view H4431 here . The bill also		Rep. Muradian told iDEA that he expects a hearing on the bill sometime this fall and would want us to

	<p>includes provisions which would prohibit sweepstakes style casino games.</p> <p>Key aspects of bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licenses to the 3 existing licensed casinos; each casino can offer up to 3 “skins” + the licensed casino can offer multiple brands under their license. • 15% tax rate • Master license – \$100k fee (5-yr term), renewal fee \$100k • Platform/skin provider license – \$50k fee, 50k renewal • Supplier license – \$15k fee • Live dealer permitted, not required to be hosted in-state if approved under a MISGA compact • No credit card deposits / \$20k daily deposit limit 		<p>testify.</p> <p>iDEA has testified in support of other iGaming bills earlier this year.</p>
<p>MICHIGAN</p>	<p>Legislative leaders and the Governor announced on Thursday (9/25) that they reached an agreement on a budget framework. Very few specifics of the actual budget were released and despite the fact there was an agreement reached, there is still work to do to finalize the budget.</p> <p>Some budget implementation bills were passed on Thursday, including the House of Representatives passing some bills to generate new revenue for road funding. The House didn't increase the online wagering tax rates. While it is looking like the online wagering tax rates won't be increased, nothing is final yet.</p> <p>iDEA will continue to monitor and engage with lawmakers on the tax issue.</p>	<p>Oct 1-New Fiscal Year Starts</p>	<p>iDEA will remain engaged with lawmakers to monitor the tax rate issue.</p>

<p>NEW JERSEY</p>	<p>The DGE has issued new responsible gambling requirements that are based on information the Commission gathered through its “Responsible Gambling Task Force.” The proposed rules can be found on the Web Portal.</p> <p>The DGE’s Director for Responsible Gaming was a presenter on the iDEA Power Lunch Summit Panel where she discussed these new rules. Some of her remarks about the RG rules are captured in this SBC article.</p>	<p>November 14 – Comments due.</p>	<p>Please be sure to share this information with your internal RG teams and please let us know if you would like iDEA to provide comments.</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>Adjourned – 6/13/25</p>	<p>iDEA continues to monitor developments and continues to engage with key lawmakers.</p> <p>We spoke with Senator Addabbo earlier this week and he had not indication whether the governor would sign the sweepstakes bill.</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>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 7/10 more than a dozen iDEA members met with Senator Nathan Manning, the lead sponsor of legislation, at NCLGS.</p> <p>He appreciates iDEA as a resource and has committed to consider our recommendations for a “sub-bill” of his current iGaming bill.</p> <p>He said that there was not a clear pathway towards the bill being considered as a standalone. However, the state is likely going to address property taxes in the Fall and this could be an area where iGaming serves as a pay-for,</p>

<p>VIRGINIA</p>	<p>Virginia state lawmakers will hold a second informational hearing on gaming on October 20, 2025. An agenda for this hearing has not yet been made public. General information about the hearing can be found here.</p> <p>During the last hearing on iGaming, lawmakers comments tended to be cautious about legalization, but also concerned that illegal online gaming is occurring today without any consumer protections.</p>	<p>Oct 20 – Interim Study Committee hearing</p>	<p>For the previous hearing iDEA shared data, provided by GeoComply, to state lawmakers that illustrates the size and scope of the illegal online gaming market that already exists in VA.</p> <p>We did not testify at the hearing.</p> <p>We are finding out if it makes sense to try and testify at the 10/20 hearing.</p>
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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.
COLORADO	<p>The Colorado Division of Gaming released its proposed RG rule changes earlier this week. This comes after they announced the impending changes and a Stakeholder Rulemaking Workshop to discuss them Here is a link to the proposed rules.</p> <p>Visit the Web Portal for more information.</p>	Sept 29, 2025 – Rulemaking Workshop	iDEA is monitoring and will review the Stakeholder discussion.
GEORGIA	<p>An interim study committee has been meeting on potential gambling expansion in the state.</p> <p>The next meeting is planned for later in August and it will focus on sports betting legalization.</p> <p>The study committee website can be found here.</p>	Aug 25 – Next study committee meeting	iDEA will outreach with the committee and share perspectives about sports wagering legalization at upcoming hearings.
KANSAS	<p>The Federal and State Affairs Interim Committee held an all day hearing on September 22 that focused on the status of sports wagering in the state. Archived video can be found here. During the hearing some lawmakers pushed</p>		<p>iDEA testified at the hearing. Here is our submitted testimony. Our oral testimony starts at approx the 4:48 mark on the archived video.</p> <p>We will continue to engage with lawmakers</p>

	<p>that the state would generate more revenue if it moved from a competitive market to a single operator with a higher tax rate. Also, there was discussion of raising the tax rate on the existing marketplace.</p> <p>Several witnesses, including iDEA, pushed back on these policies and presented data showing how the KS market has been successful and is growing.</p> <p>A good summary of the hearing can be found in this article</p>		<p>during the interim. We expect there will be legislative efforts in the 2026 session to alter the market.</p>
<p>NORTH CAROLINA</p>	<p>State lawmakers continue to work on a long-term budget bill, but have only approved a short term budget stop-gap in the interim. This bill does not include any increases to the sports wagering tax. Earlier this year, the Senate passed their own version of the budget that included doubling the tax rate to 36%.</p> <p>The final budget is still not resolved, and while there is no indication that a sports betting tax increase will be included, we are monitoring the negotiations.</p>	<p>Oct 20, 2025 – Lawmakers will return to try and finalize the budget.</p>	<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>
<p>OHIO</p>	<p>Last week the Governor called on the Ohio Gaming regulator to ban all prop bets on professional sports. See his full statement here.</p> <p>State lawmakers have pushed back on this idea, and ultimately, under the current law only the sports leagues themselves can ask for a suspension of these types of bets. There is no current indication that the leagues intend to ask for this change.</p>	<p>Aug 20 – next commission meeting, where this topic could be discussed.</p>	<p>iDEA has publicly pushed back on the Governors proposal. Our thoughts were published in this article.</p> <p>We are conducting outreach to league stakeholders and also to state lawmakers to ensure no momentum behind the Gov’s proposal.</p>

	<p>We should anticipate that the Gov will push for this change legislatively, if he can't get it done administratively.</p>		
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Regulatory Advocacy

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MARYLAND	<p>The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Commission's proposed rule amendment that would reduce promotional deductions to 5% was published in the Maryland Register.</p> <p>You can view the proposed amendment here.</p> <p>Publication in the Register triggers the start of a 30-day comment window.</p>	<p>Sept. 22 – comment window closes</p>	<p>iDEA has proactively reached out to the Commission to share our concerns with the proposed amendment.</p> <p>They have welcomed a meeting with us, but have suggested that it should take place after the comment window closes.</p> <p>We submitted our comment letter on 09/12 and have also formally requested a meeting with the Commission. Here is a link to the letter on the iDEA Web Portal.</p>
MISSOURI	<p>Reminder that the deadline to submit supplier applications is Sept 12. Failing to do so could mean your entity will not be licensed by the Dec. 1 launch date.</p> <p>Other licenses will be awarded later this Fall.</p> <p>All of the applications can be found here.</p>	<p>Sept 12: Deadline for all other applicants</p> <p>Dec 1 – launch date</p>	<p>iDEA will continue to monitor and update</p>