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Latest state updates highlighted in green

iDEA Priority States in Legislative Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Engagement / Opportunities
ILLINOIS <i>(iGaming + Sports Amendments)</i>	<p>On 6/17 iDEA had a productive call with the head of Illinois Casino Association to discuss and coordinate efforts on iGaming. We'll be following up with his team and the lobbyists representing casinos to present plan for Fall iGaming "fly-in".</p> <p>On 6/2 iDEA spoke with a rep from the Gov's office about concerns they raised regarding iDEA's supplier licensing fix bill.</p> <p>We explained how IL's supplier fee structure is out of whack with other gaming licenses in the state, as well as others throughout the country.</p> <p>The Governor's office main concern is loss of planned revenue. They contend that the high annual supplier license fee (\$150k) is intentional as a way to meet revenue projections.</p> <p>We may need to consider compromise language.</p>	<p>Fall - Planning for 2-day session of meetings in Chicago or Springfield during veto session.</p>	<p>iDEA continues to engage with stakeholders in the state to build coalition of iGaming support and coordinate an industry "fly-in" to meet with lawmakers.</p> <p>Recent conversations with Caesars, Penn, and Hawthorne have been very positive. iDEA is also working directly with the head of the state casino association.</p> <p>A possible special session in September, may impact the timing of our "fly-in". May be necessary to move this to November during veto session.</p> <p>Also, iDEA has compiled info on supplier fees nationwide to share with Governor's office. We plan to send a letter soon.</p>
INDIANA <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>The state legislature meets next week for a special session. Due to the policy issues to be voted on during the session, it's highly unlikely any gaming related matters will emerge. For a full update on Indiana activity please see the latest update from our state lobbyist here IN General Assembly Remains in the 2022 "Interim" Period • iDEA (ideagrowth.org)</p> <p>iDEA had extensive meetings with Indiana state lawmakers and key stakeholders during NCLGS conference. A recap of these meetings is available in 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>July 25 Special Session to begin</p> <p>Late Summer Release of IGC iGaming study</p>	<p>iDEA is actively using time during the interim session to meet with influential lawmakers and gather support for iGaming.</p> <p>We met with Senator Bray's office on 7/5. His staff continues to express concern about potential indictments related to the Spectacle casino scandal. They did not close the door on a bill, and recommended we push first in the House before Senate will consider it.</p> <p>Discussions at NCLGS with lawmakers, the casino association and the VP of Govt Affairs for Boyd Gaming were productive. We mapped out a legislative strategy to advance iGaming in 2023.</p> <p>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>The Massachusetts legislature approved sports wagering legislation on August 1. See Member Portal for an update on the final bill.</p> <p>The Governor is expected to sign the bill soon (by 8/11), but the Gaming Commission is already taking steps towards implementation. A recap of the 8/4 Commission meeting can be found here.</p> <p>iDEA played a role in shaping the final policies in the bill, and many of the key items we advocated for were adopted by the legislature. A letter from iDEA was sent to all 6 members of the conference committee.</p> <p>We also focused efforts on House conferees, who led negotiations and were successfully in negating several of the problematic provision that were included in the Senate bill.</p>	<p>Before Aug 11 – Governor must sign bill.</p> <p>Once signed, minimum of 60-90 days to promulgate rules.</p> <p>Retail launch could happen Oct-Nov; however, we believe mobile will be early 2023.</p>	<p>iDEA will now focus on engagement with the Mass Gaming Commission during the regulatory process.</p>
MISSOURI <i>(Sports + iGaming)</i>	<p>iDEA met with Senator Denny Hoskins at NCGLS. He has been the key figure for sports betting in MO, but has insisted it be tied to VLT expansion which has effectively killed the advancement of sports betting.</p> <p>We’re pushing him to include iGaming in future legislative efforts as well. More on this discussion in the Member Portal.</p>	<p>5/13 – Session Adjournment</p>	<p>iDEA has been active in facilitating compromises that could garner support of all stakeholders.</p> <p>Our team provided a full post-mortem and analysis of next steps for Missouri during our member call. A recording of the call is available in the Member Portal.</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> <p>He remains a committed ally on several issues for our industry.</p>

Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Opportunities
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>This week the OCCC launched its compliance portal that is available to companies that have already submitted their application. This portal will guide Type A and B licenses on what types of compliance materials can be submitted. Full update from OCCC is on the Member Portal.</p> <p>The OCCC has provided updates on operator and supplier license applicants. This list can be accessed here.</p>	<p>July 15 – Aug 15: 2nd application window for licensees (2nd skins)</p> <p>Nov 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>
MARYLAND <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>iDEA has gathered more information about the finalization of SWARC licensing rules and what may be required for mobile license applicants. Update in Portal here.</p> <p>The final rule could be published in the MD Register this month, most likely on August 26 publication date. This will open a 30-day public comment window.</p>	<p>August – Disparity study made public</p> <p>Aug 20 – Next SWARC meeting</p> <p>Aug 12 or 26 – Rules published in MD Register.</p> <p>Sept – Best case for license application process to begin</p>	<p>We continue to monitor activity of the SWARC and MD Lottery and also communicates with these bodies as needed.</p> <p>We are evaluating whether to weigh in on the current draft licensing rules. Please communicate with John Pappas should you like to see iDEA address this either formally or informally with the SWARC and the MD Lottery.</p>
ONTARIO, CAN <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>This week, a coalition of Canadian Gaming Corporations announced collective efforts to end illegal/unauthorized gambling in their respective provinces.</p> <p>Part of the coalition's aim is to raise public awareness about the prevalence of “illegal” operators and convince media platform owners to comply with existing laws and regulations by refusing to accept advertisements for illegal gambling websites. The coalition is also asking the federal government to enforce current laws and regulations to shut out these operators from markets where the Provincial Lottery Corporations operate.</p> <p>A full statement from the coalition can be found here.</p>	<p>Sept – Expected release of revenue numbers to date.</p>	<p>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.</p>

Other States iDEA is Monitoring 2022 (Legislative Phase)

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KANSAS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The draft rules that we shared earlier this month are undergoing revisions based on feedback from the state's casinos and their operator partners.</p> <p>This revision has potentially slowed the progress towards a beginning of NFL launch. If that goal is not reached, we believe it is still likely that launch will occur by late Sept/early Oct.</p> <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>Aug 1 – Applications process announced by regulator (by statute)</p> <p>Aug 15 – suitability investigations to begin (by statute)</p> <p>Sept – Hoped launch of retail/mobile sports wagering</p>	<p>iDEA is communicating state Lottery and Racing and Gaming Commission who will have joint oversight over rulemaking process and regulation of sports wagering.</p>