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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>iDEA state lobbyist provided a comprehensive update on the 9/30 member call regarding the supplier licensing fix bill and the potential for iGaming in 2023. A recording of the call can be found on the Member Portal.</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iDEA’s Senate passed bill related to correcting the supplier licensing fee could be considered during the veto session (November). • Recent revenue reports from the state show strong tax dollars raised from sports wagering, this will help neutralize arguments that the high license fee is needed to meet budgetary estimates. • Continued outreach to IL stakeholders on iGaming. VGTs have said they will not support any iGaming legislation in 2023. 	November -- veto session.	<p>Met with Senate Chairwoman Cristina Castro (whose committee considers all gaming legislation) and State Representative Jonathan Carroll at G2E. Chairwoman Castro has been a proponent of iGaming and spearheaded the effort to have the state conduct a study on iGaming in 2021.</p> <p>Castro is still committed to pushing for iGaming legalization in 2023. Castro asked for iDEA to aggressively educate lawmakers on the merits of iGaming. Rep. Carroll has also been a supporter of iGaming expansion and impressed upon us to coordinate efforts with Rep. Daniel Didech.</p> <p>Draft letter to the Governor outlining support for the supplier license fix is being reviewed by the legislative committee and should be sent before the end of October.</p>
INDIANA <i>(iGaming)</i>	<p>Rep. Manning confirmed that Speaker Huston gave him “a green light” to work on iGaming and iLottery at the same time.</p> <p>The speaker has asked for a unified AGR tax rate instead of 3 different rates (i.e., one for casinos, one for sports wagering, one for iGaming).</p> <p>The Speaker also expressed a preference that Manning work out a deal with the horsemen and maybe even local communities (on revenue sharing issues) ahead of filing the bill.</p>	<p>November 22 – Legislative organization day.</p> <p>January 9 – start of session.</p> <p>End of April – Session adjourns.</p>	<p>Our team is actively using the interim session to meet with influential lawmakers and gather support for iGaming.</p> <p>We are mapping out the likely committees of jurisdiction for an iGaming bill and determining who will support/oppose. We are also speaking with Rep. Manning and Sen. Ford to press them to seek multiple co-sponsors of their bills.</p> <p>Arranging meeting with Manning/Ford to discuss RG/PG components of their bill to get ahead of expected opposition to expanded iGaming.</p>

<p>NEW YORK <i>(iGaming)</i></p>	<p>Senator Addabbo is drafting his iGaming bill and is asking for stakeholders to provide input. He hopes that recent fiscal projections, showing a future \$10b deficit for the state, will provide ammunition to get his proposal included in the state budget.</p> <p>Senator has indicated that he will include VLT/Racino establishments in his bill and make them eligible to receive an iGaming license.</p>	<p>Fall – iGaming briefing with Sen. Addabbo and iDEA members.</p> <p>December – reintroduction of iGaming bill.</p>	<p>John Pappas met with Senator Addabbo this week to discuss the future prospects of 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>
<p>*NEW* VERMONT <i>(sports)</i></p>	<p>Earlier this year the Vermont legislature approved a sports wagering “study committee.”</p> <p>The Committee is currently meeting to discuss best practices for sports wagering. Legislation will be drafted based on these recommendations and then go through the legislative process in 2023.</p> <p>In the last few meetings, the Committee has leaned their recommendations toward a state-controlled competitive bid model, such as New Hampshire or New York.</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Nov 1</p> <p>Final Meeting: November 22</p>	<p>iDEA has reached out to the Committee to request and opportunity to testify and/or present data and information to the committee.</p>
<p>*NEW* North Dakota <i>(iGaming + Sports)</i></p>	<p>The ND Governor and gaming tribes are currently negotiating a new compact that would permit them to offer state-wide mobile sports betting and iGaming.</p> <p>The proposed compact follows the Florida model, which has been challenged in the courts and is causing a considerable delay and uncertainty because the courts have ruled that online gaming authorized pursuant to a compact is not permitted under IGRA.</p> <p>The state’s charitable gaming organizations are strongly opposing the idea of iGaming/sports betting exclusivity and would likely challenge this legalization effort in the courts, thereby, delaying any potential for online gaming in the state.</p>	<p>Oct 31 – Comment letter due</p>	<p>We have prepared a comment letter. The purpose of our comments is to inform the Governor’s office of the potential legal pitfalls of their current approach, and to caution them that by doing so, they will likely slow down any launch of sports betting and iGaming in the state.</p> <p>Our goal is to have them reconsider this approach to legalization and instead work with the legislature to establish a clearer pathway for tribes (and others) to offer legal online sports betting and iGaming.</p>

Priority States in Regulatory Phase 2022

State	Current Status	Key Dates	iDEA Opportunities
OHIO <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>This week, Ohio approved final sports wagering rules and posted them on the state's online repository.</p> <p>The OCCC also has reminded prospective operators that they are free to engage in advertising, preregistration, and user recruitment (including accepting deposits), regardless of their licensure status. Please refer to the OCC's FAQs for further guidance.</p> <p>*REMINDER* November 2nd is the deadline to submit complete, final, and Commission-approved versions of responsible gaming plans, required procedures, house rules, facility plans, geolocation procedures, and equipment test reports. Additionally, all standard sports gaming employee applications are due by November 2.</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>On 10/27, Maryland Lottery approved a total of 21 sports wagering applicants. 10 master licensees, 10 operators and one Class B retail.</p> <p>Approved master license entities will be reviewed by the SWARC to ensure they meet additional requirements, notably those related ownership interest.</p> <p>SWARC will grant/deny applications before Thanksgiving. Then the MD Lottery will conduct a controlled demo of the approved applicant's platform to ensure the meet the technical/regulator standards. Once that is concluded, the operators will be issued their license and cleared to launch.</p>	<p>Nov 21 – SWARC will issue its approval/deny applicants.</p> <p>December – likely launch of mobile operations pending MD Lotto testing and approval.</p>	<p>iDEA continues to monitor activity of the SWARC and MD Lottery and also communicates with these bodies as needed.</p>
MASS <i>(Sports)</i>	<p>The Mass Gaming Commission (MGC) held a meeting on 10/27. Key take-aways include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approved the Sports Wagering License Evaluation regulation. • discussed but did not vote on Sports Wagering Operator Licensing Framework set of regulations. • MGC will send prospective operators an email with app instructions. • MGC is requesting that operators share a list of vendors. MGC will then reach out to these vendors to begin and licensing process. • Massachusetts staggered sports betting launch windows (for retail and mobile) will remain unchanged at this time. 	<p>Nov 21 – Operator applications due (subject to change)</p> <p>Launch Dates: Retail = Prior to Super Bowl Mobile = Mid-March</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.</p> <p>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:</p>