



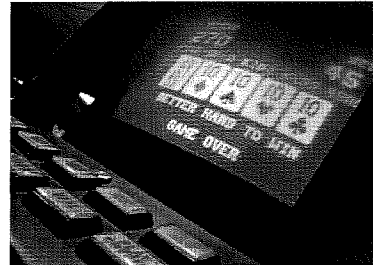
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Gaming Board to Consider 24-Hour Gambling at Casinos

Attend the Sept. 19 Hearing or send a Letter



Illinois casinos have petitioned the Gaming Board to allow 24-hour, non-stop gambling 7 days a week. The Illinois Gaming Board turned down 24 hour gambling at casinos three times before, because of all the opposition they received from many of you.

However, the General Assembly and governor approved 24 hour video gambling at truck stops. Now the casinos want to stay open 365 days a year with round the clock gambling. Some people will gamble longer than 24 hours straight. We have heard of people gambling at casinos 36 to 72 hours without stopping.

The public is invited to speak at the hearing, which will be held in Chicago on Thursday, September 19, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at 160 N. LaSalle in the 5th floor Auditorium.

To get on the agenda to speak, you must submit a written request to Board Secretary Monica Biddings by fax at 312-814-4602 or by e-mail. All requests must be received by September 12, 2013. Those addressing the Board will be given 5 minutes to express their views. Speakers needing more than 5 minutes should indicate that in their request and state their basis. The Board also asks that those speaking state in their request if they are for or against 24 hour gambling at riverboat casinos.

If you cannot attend the hearing in Chicago, please write a letter to the Illinois Gaming Board. **State that you are against 24 hour gambling at riverboat casinos**, and address your letter to:

Mail a letter or Fax (312-814-4602) to:

Illinois Gaming Board
c/o Monica Biddings, Board Secretary
160 N. La Salle, Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60601

E-mail a letter to: monica.biddings@igb.illinois.gov.

Talking Points for Writing a Letter to the Board

1. Some gamblers will only stop gambling when the casinos close. This will be a problem for those who are addicted to gambling.
2. Most people drive to Illinois casinos, which are located in densely populated areas. Allowing 24-hour gambling and drinking at casinos will impact public safety.
3. Alcohol impairs judgment. The combination of alcohol and gambling has lead to serious suicide attempts.
4. Allowing 24-hour gambling and drinking will endanger the health and well being of individuals, families, and communities in Illinois.
5. A better solution is to reduce the number of hours truck stops can operate video gambling machines, where local residents are gambling all night.

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