

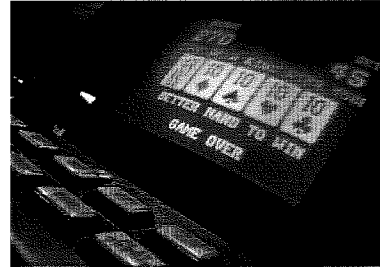


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Gambling Action Alert



OPPOSE SB 66 - ADVANCED DEPOSIT WAGERING

The House Executive Committee passed SB 66 to legalize Internet wagering on horse racing. While the committee was called to address the pension reform legislation, this gambling expansion bill was revealed with one hour's notice before the committee hearing!

SB 66 legalizes bookmaking. SB 66 legalizes Internet betting on horse racing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from home computers, Smart phones, I-Pads and tablets.

The U. S. Department of Justice issued an opinion in 2011 about Internet Lotteries. The Department of Justice said the opinion only applies to State Lotteries and said **sports betting on the Internet is illegal. SB 66 extends an illegal operation through February 1, 2017 by allowing an ADW to be placed from any location via a telephone-type device or any other electronic means.**

SB 66 expands the number of Off Track Betting Parlors in the Chicago area, by allowing racetracks in Cook County to have 8 OTB parlors instead of 7. These parlors could be located across the street from the racetracks and could have 5 video gambling machines!

SB 66 will negatively impact live horse racing in Illinois. The Illinois Racing Board reports 13% of the ADW handle is on Illinois Horses and 87% is on Out of State Races. SB 66 will not save horse racing, but will make track owners and ADW companies richer.

SB 66 will not help the horsemen. SB 66 charges gamblers a surcharge, with the bulk of the money going to the Illinois Racing Board. Only \$100,000 goes to the Quarter Horse Purse Fund and the rest going to the harness racing and thoroughbred racing fund.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Contact your State Representative and State Senator or call 217-782-2000 and ask your Legislators to Vote NO on SB 66 to legalize Internet gambling on horse races.
2. Contact Governor Quinn or call 800-642-3112 to ask him to OPPOSE and VETO SB 66 to legalize Internet wagering on horses and EXPAND gambling.
3. Share this Alert with your faith community.
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