

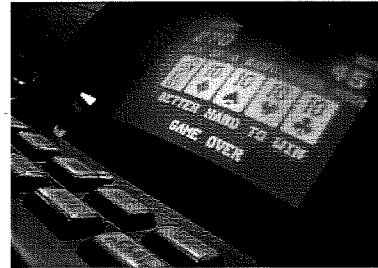


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Gambling Action Alert



SB 3144 doubles the number of video gambling machines at truck stops. This opens the door for further expansion. Social clubs and bars are also asking for more machines. Truck stops in Louisiana have 50 gambling machines!

Truck stops already have an advantage in that LOCAL people and truck drivers can gamble all night on the video gambling that operate non-stop, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Local gamblers and truck drivers have families to support and cannot afford to lose their money. Gambling addicts drive like drunk drivers. Doubling the number of gambling machines at truck stops will increase the number of people gambling and could impact public safety on the numerous Interstate roads in Illinois.

Truck drivers need to sleep between runs. Gamblers lose track of time and will gamble longer than planned. People who gamble for long hours, losing money in the machines, pose a danger to other truck drivers and people driving the Interstate highways through Illinois.

People are losing more money on video gambling machines at truck stops than at other locations. For example, in less than one year Springfield area gamblers lost over \$1.45 Million at two Chronister Oil truck stops. Losses at two Road Rangers near Springfield were over \$2.27 Million in 16 months. Doubling the number of machines will make gambling more accessible and will increase gambling problems.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Call your State Senator (217-782-2000) and ask him/her to Vote NO on SB 3144.
2. Call Governor Quinn (800-642-3112) and ask him to OPPOSE SB 3144 to double the number of gambling machines at truck stops.
3. Share this Alert with your faith community and PRAY.
4. Forward to 10 others.

Public Hearing on SB 1739 - Massive Expansion of Gambling

Rep. Robert Rita will hold a public hearing on the massive gambling expansion bill and a Chicago casino on Wednesday, April 16, at 9:00 a.m. in the Michael Bilandic building, Room C-600, 160 N. La Salle in Chicago.

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