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Gambling Action Alert



Electronic video gambling machines/slots bring in about 84 percent of the revenue at Illinois casinos. Now, these same machines have been put in bars, restaurants, bowling alleys, truck stops, and video gambling parlors throughout the State.

Please read this important article published by The Columbia School of Public Health, [Gambling with America's Health?](#)

The author notes The Public Health Advocacy Institute filed a friend of the court brief that **made the public health argument against the gambling industry.** **"Legalized casino gambling causes devastating effects on the public's health, including not only the gambler but also their families, neighbors, communities and others with whom they interact,"** according to the brief.

Electronic gambling machines "are designed to addict their customers in a way that is similar to how the tobacco industry formulates its cigarettes to be addictive by manipulating their nicotine levels and other ingredients."

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