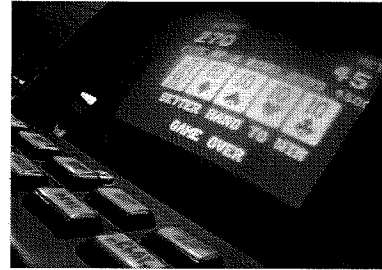


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Gambling Action Alert



States addicted to gambling money

New Jersey is a prime example of how states are both addicts and pushers of gambling, according to USA today. Four casinos have closed in New Jersey this year. Rather than compensating for the effects, they encourage their own citizens to gamble more and in different ways. [Read more:](#)

How casinos track gamblers losses and offer perks with reward cards

A Florida casino finance boss explained how reward cards allow the casino to closely monitor a gamblers activity. Some gamblers could have multiple reward cards allowing them to play up to four machines at a time. [Read more:](#)

Concerns about the growth of video gambling in Illinois

Once video gambling bans were overturned, gambling interests began requesting new liquor licenses so they could apply for a state video gambling license. Local officials in many towns and cities are passing new ordinances to try and limit the parlors. In Rockford, which has the highest video gambling losses in the State, some businesses are concerned about being surrounded by video gambling parlors. [Read more:](#)

Video gambling opens Pandora's Box

Video gambling café chains, targeting women gamblers, are expanding rapidly statewide. The Mayor of Rock Falls is concerned that the rapid growth of these parlors is forcing more municipalities write ordinances for other businesses to obtain the machines, according to the SaulkValley.com. The Mayor is getting requests from beauty shops, barber shops, spas, and convenience stores to serve unpackaged liquor so they can qualify for a gambling license. [Read more:](#)

Beauty Parlors want in on the Action

The Mayor said the advent of video gambling is dramatically changing how cities are handling liquor licenses, and he is concerned about how to police these types of establishments. One Alderman said there was no indication the state would limit the

number of video gambling licenses. [Read more:](#)

The Illinois Gaming Board met this week and reported **there were 18,317 video gambling machines operating in 4,517 locations. The Board approved 93 new licenses**, which can each have 5 video gambling machines.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Contact candidates for Legislative office in your district and ask them their position on gambling.
2. Contact ILCAAAP (ilcaaap@sbcglobal.net) to let us know what the candidates told you about their position on gambling.
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