

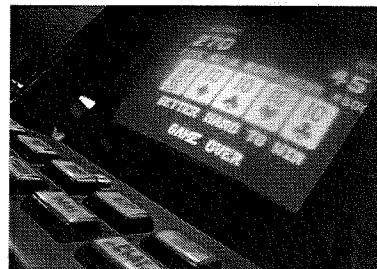


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Video Gambling Update



From apartment complexes to strip malls, video gambling machines draw more and more customers

Businesses are requesting new liquor licenses so they can apply for a video gambling license. Liquor license applications in Illinois have increased from 29,694 in 2012 to 34,973 in 2014. Many communities are creating a new class of liquor license for places that primarily want to video gambling, according to the Champaign News Gazette. In just two years, gamblers lost over \$504.8 million in video gambling machine in neighborhood casinos. [Read more](#)

Strangest place you've spotted a video gambling machines? [Send an e-mail to this reporter](#)

Oak Lawn may be reaching limit on video gambling

The City Council did not support a liquor license for a fast-food restaurant that wanted to have video gambling machines. The Mayor said, "I don't like going to my favorite restaurants feeling like I'm in Las Vegas." One of the Trustees was concerned this would open up a Pandora's box. [Read the article](#)

Video gambling interests don't want to take "NO" for an answer

Video gambling grew rapidly, with over 18,000 machines operating in neighborhood casinos in Illinois. **Most of the money is lost in slot machines-85% in video slots and 15% on video poker. Gambling interests plan to expand by going back to cities that banned video gambling and having them un-ban it,** said the president of the Illinois gaming machine operators association. [Read the article](#)

Illinois Gaming Board will enforce against illegal gambling

With the threat of a \$5,000 fine, local veterans' halls, fraternal clubs, restaurants and bars - that are home to state-run video gaming terminals - can no longer allow a deck of cards or a set of dice on the premises. . . . **"These things [low-stakes neighborhood gambling] have always been illegal," she said. "It's just that the Illinois Gaming Board will be enforcing the law now. You can't have poker games. No football squares. No [college basketball tournament] bracket pools. No NASCAR pools."** [Read more](#)

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