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Gambling Action Alert



Sugar Grove says no to video gambling at gas station

The station already sells packaged alcohol. It wanted a license to serve alcohol on the premises, which is required to obtain a state license for video gambling for commercial enterprises. Truck stops can get such licenses if they sit on at least 3 acres and sell at least 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel a month, but the station is too small and doesn't sell enough fuel.

[Owner]Peugh said some of her other stations have had video gambling for about three weeks. **The cashiers serve the alcohol. But in those three weeks, few of the gambling customers have bought alcohol**, she said. **"We're going for a different demographic," she said, citing people who don't want to sit in a bar or people who want to do a little gambling on their lunch break** as examples. [Read the full article](#)

No gaming for Elgin gas station

Glogovsky Oil company president Jeff Glogovsky informally asked the Elgin liquor commission about allowing him to have a video gaming parlor serving sandwiches and on-site beer and wine at The Grove Mart, a gas station with a convenience store. "Everything is changing in this business, from the margins to competition. We're getting away from being a gas station." [Click here to read more](#)

Ex-Ameriprise adviser gets jail time for using client money to pay gambling debts

A former financial adviser with Ameriprise Financial Services Inc. was sentenced to three and a half years in prison and ordered to repay more than \$3 million he allegedly stole from investors and used for personal expenses, including paying off his gambling debts, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois.

... During sentencing, a doctor expressed the opinion that Mr. Overbey is a pathological gambler. During one year, federal authorities accused Mr. Overbey of being in a casino for 323 days. [Click here to read more](#)

Slots at Illinois racetracks are a gift horse

Since 2012, Illinois tracks have received more than \$168.3 million from the special 3 percent **casino tax** and a portion of the state's **share of tax revenue from the Des Plaines casino**. This is in addition to the generous **property tax credit** track owners can apply against state taxes due that has reduced their tax bill by \$16 million over the past five years. At the same time, as Crain's noted, horse wagering has declined 42 percent over the past nine years. **Click here to read more**

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Watch tonight's Illinois gubernatorial debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters and Public Broadcasting stations tonight at 8:00 pm. Click on this link for live streaming of the date. **http://www.wtvp.org/**

Ask Legislative candidates their position on gambling, and report back to ILCAAAP.

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