

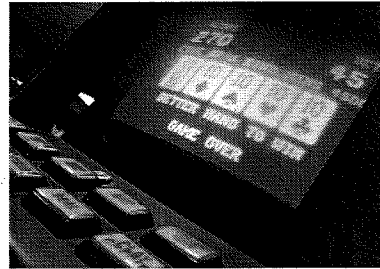


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Gambling Action Alert



Debate over crime, video gambling - According to figures provided by the IL Gaming Board, there have been 57 burglaries and theft attempts from licensed gambling facilities. There likely have been more. At least one county sheriff told Lee News two other break ins were not reported. http://m.pantagraph.com/news/local/debate-over-crime-video-gaming-continues/article_520abb1c-0b74-5a5c-a212-05c7a149ee19.html?mobile_touch=true

The Elephant in the Room - Video gambling might be good for businesses, but is it good for their customers? Since Illinois legalized video gambling 2 years ago this month, the number of locations with machines has gone from 65 to more than 4,500. There are now 18,412 gaming machines in Illinois. Margaret and others with gambling addictions now must think twice before entering an establishment they know might have a video gambling machine. Read more: <http://www.saukvalley.com/2014/10/17/the-elephant-in-the-gaming-room/ah2yunb/>

Peoria: Aldermen helped to see the light on video-gambling cafes - Most video-gambling cafes offer little more than a beer fridge and video-gaming terminals. Food is an afterthought. Although the café comply with the letter of state law, it can be said they violate the spirit of it. <http://www.pjstar.com/article/20141019/NEWS/141019096>

Rockford Aldermen are considering changing the liquor code to gain control over video gambling. Rockford has 400 video gambling machines, second only to Springfield. One concern about the large amount of machines is the impact on sales tax revenue for the city. One Alderman said, "The more money people spend in machines, the less they're spending on other goods and services." <http://www.wrex.com/story/26836466/2014/10/21/city-of-rockford-could-change-liquor-code-to-gain-control-over-video-gaming>

The future of **Long Grove** appears to rest heavily on the Forsythe family, which has quietly bought 17 buildings -- or about one-third of the downtown. The family was a driving force behind the village board overturning a ban on video gambling, which some residents say doesn't go with the family-friendly charm of the historic district. <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20141021/business/141029741/>

Bloomington - An annual video gaming fee is under consideration by the city's Liquor Commission. <http://www.videtteonline.com/index.php/2014/10/20/video-game-fee-under-consideration-in-bloomington/>

Caution - Video Gambling Parlors

A unique business model emerged during the Las Vegas recession. A company familiar with

spreading video lottery games in Oregon built a business model that was aimed at those fed up with full-scale casinos. That company built small slot arcades under the Dotty's brand.

<http://www.4flush.com/opinion/attack-on-las-vegas-slot-parlors-is-hypocritical/18102>

Unregulated Video Gambling in Illinois - The legality of machines similar to video gambling, but aren't subject to the same regulations, is being questioned in a new report. The "loophole" that allows for these machines was put into place by an amendment to the original Video Gaming Act, said Art Bilek from the Chicago Crime Commission. <http://altondailynews.com/news/details.cfm?clientid=17&id=148457#.VEk8hvnF9Vl>

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

- Share this Alert with your Mayor and Aldermen. Ask them to support the ban on video gambling and/or not issue new liquor licenses for video gambling.
- Write a Letter to the Editor and submit to your local newspaper using the information above.
- Share this Alert with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.

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