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Gambling Alert



IL Lottery severs ties with private manager

As part of the termination deal, all litigation will be dropped by Northstar regarding accounting disputes, and both GTECH and Scientific Games will keep their contracts with the state to provide games and services until 2018. . . . Northstar could also be paid up to \$12 million by the state to cover the cost of shutting down its operation. [Read more](#)

Illinois racetrack owner found liable in civil racketeering

A jury found Illinois racetrack owner, John Johnston, liable in a civil racketeering case involving conduct engaged in by former Governor Rod Blagojevich, and awarded \$26.3 million in damages to four Illinois casinos. Under the civil RICO statute, these damages are trebled, amounting to over \$78 million to the casinos. The jury awarded the riverboats an additional \$4 million in punitive damages for the civil conspiracy claim made against Johnston personally. [Read more](#)

State does about-face on video gambling at retirement home

Saying they messed up, state regulators have revoked a video gaming license from a catering company that planned to open a mini-casino in a low-income retirement home in Dolton. . . . Gaming Board Chairman Aaron Jaffe acknowledges his agency should have figured all this out before a gaming license was approved this past spring. But Jaffe said a scarcity of resources, coupled with the statewide explosion of video gaming, is complicating the vetting process. [Read more](#)

Gaming Board considers gas station a truck stop - approved for video gambling

Officials in Lake In The Hills were startled to learn that a gas station located miles away from the nearest interstate was considered a truck stop by the Illinois Gaming Board. The truck stop designation will allow video gambling 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Video Gambling Act defines a truck stop as a business that owns or leases at least 3 acres and sells at least 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel a month! [Read more](#)

Quincy City Council approves video gambling money for

police and fire pensions

The council approved a resolution to use \$88,000 in video gaming revenue from last year to help fund the city's fire and police pensions. [Read more](#)

Betting on Video Gambling Cafés

[Watch video](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

- Share this Alert with your local officials and tell them of your opposition to video gambling.
- Visit or contact newly elected Legislators to share your concerns about gambling, and ask them to oppose all expansion of gambling.
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