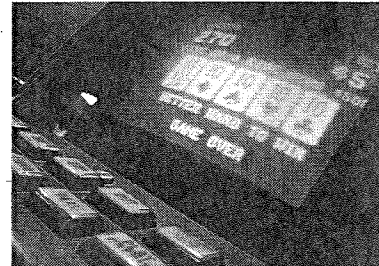


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## **Gambling Action Alert**



### **IL Video gambling revenues doubled in 2014**

Since the first 61 machines went online in September 2012 at a handful of bars and restaurants, the number of machines and locations has mushroomed to 19,182 machines in 4,675 locations. While the revenue is helping pay for state construction projects, the spread of the machines is being blamed for a corresponding decrease in revenue for the state's 10 casinos. [Read more.](#)

### **Springfield airport to apply for video gambling license**

The Illinois Gaming Board turned down the airport application for video gambling last year. April will be the earliest the airport could reapply, and the board would then decide whether to install gambling machines in the airport terminal. [Read more.](#)

Former Governor Quinn used to say he didn't want Illinois to become like Las Vegas. If the Gaming Board allows video gambling at the airport in the State Capitol, other airports throughout the State will also ask for the machines, as they have at golf courses. [Read more.](#)

### **Golden gambling goose is getting tapped out**

State government discovered years ago that there was considerable gold in the pockets of prospective gamblers. Since then, there has been a progressive effort to extract as much as possible. [Read more.](#)

### **Most candidates for Chicago mayor support city casino**

Emanuel, Alderman Bob Fioretti, Cook County Commissioner Jesus Garcia and businessman Willie Wilson say a casino would boost revenues. But Emanuel says it wouldn't solve all of Chicago's fiscal problems. Garcia says citizens should support it first. Perennial candidate William "Dock" Walls objects to a casino. [Read more.](#)

### **Former Arlington Heights mayor picked for horse racing board**

As mayor of Arlington Heights, Mulder opined she hoped the track would get slot machines to help the business' long-term outlook, but the racing board won't get to decide that question. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Robert Lunt, a retired veterinarian from Mt. Sterling, and Marc Laino, who recently retired as Executive Director of the Illinois Racing Board, were also appointed to serve on the board.

**Watch short video on "Gambling Creep"** - You can't stop, limit, control, or manage gambling by expanding it, because it won't stop there! [Watch here.](#)

## FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

- Write a Letter to the Editor about how much money was LOST in your city/town
  - To find out how much money has been lost in video gambling machines in your city/town click here <http://www.igb.illinois.gov/VideoReports.aspx>
  - Report Type - Check Municipality
  - Use the arrow to scroll through the list of municipalities, then click on your city/town
  - Change the start date to September, 2012
  - Look at the column marked NTI (Net Terminal Income) to see how much money has been LOST in your city/town
- Call the County Clerk to find out who is running for Mayor and City Council. Attend candidate forums and ask the candidate's position on gambling.
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