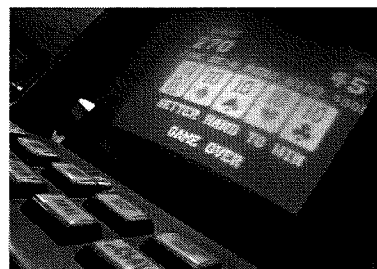




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Gambling Action Alert



Sweeping up 'broom closet' gambling - SB1794

You can find them in gas stations, golf courses, restaurants, liquor stores and even a TV repair shop. More than 19,000 video gambling machines had spread across the state by the end of 2014, turning thousands of businesses and other establishments into what one lawmaker calls "mini casinos." Now, he's trying to curb the trend.

State Sen. Darin LaHood, R-Dunlap, wants to place new limits on which establishments can have video gambling machines in Illinois. Although existing gambling parlors would initially be grandfathered in, his bill would likely eliminate many of them when it comes time to renew their licenses.

Currently, problem gamblers can have themselves placed on a state list barring them from casinos, but the list doesn't apply to video gambling machines. The same goes for the state list excluding people who ran illegal gambling operations, cheated at casinos or committed other acts barring them from casinos. Under LaHood's bill, anyone on either list wouldn't be allowed at a video gambling location. [Read more](#)

Lake Zurich American Legion post is converting to a public bar,

open 7 days a week, to generate more money from video gambling machines. The Village Board reversed the ban on video gambling in 2014, which post representatives supported. [Read more](#)

Will County weighs ban on video gambling

Concerned about the fast growth of video gambling, the Will County Board is looking at preventing more video machines in unincorporated areas of the county, the *Chicago Tribune* reported.

... The state law is "sloppy," board member Suzanne Hart, R-Naperville, said. "Illinois has more gambling licenses than Nevada. This is a runaway train." [Read more](#)

April 7th Municipal Elections

Many bans were video gambling overturned in 2013 when those who supported video gambling were elected to office!

Attend Candidate Forums and ask candidates for Mayor, City Council, and Village Board their position on video gambling prior to the election. This is especially important if you live in a municipality that has banned video gambling machines.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Contact your State Senator** and ask him/her to support and co-sponsor SB 1794.
2. **Ask candidates their position on video gambling** and attend Candidate Forums.
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