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## **Gambling Action Alert**



### **Palatine Voters Reject Video Gambling**

Over 60% of the voters said "NO" on a referendum asking if the Village of Palatine should consider video gambling at restaurants and bars that hold a liquor license.

Village Manager Reid Ottesen previously said that a handful of local business owners and managers regularly have asked Palatine to allow the machines, but the village rarely hears from residents. However, video gambling is not necessarily dead in Palatine. [Read more:](#)

### **Expansion talk alive and well in Illinois**

Penn Gaming CEO Tim Wilmott said he had an opportunity to meet with new Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner during the campaign. Wilmott found him supportive of expansion in some form provided "local municipalities want it. But I have also heard him say that he wants to do a comprehensive study of how to navigate any kind of expansion." [Read more](#)

### **No new money to be had from gambling expansion in Illinois**

State revenue from Illinois' 10 casinos has been in steep decline since 2005, when casino revenue brought in \$699 million to the state. In 2014, the revenue was \$341 million.

[Read more](#)

### **Gambling is a slow-growing revenue source and not a solution in the never-ending quest to balance the budget.**

[Trends in Gambling Revenue to the States](#) presentation by Lucy Dadayan from The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government

### **Addiction to Scratch-off Lottery tickets leads to robbery, murder, suicide**

A man robbed a gas station and killed a clerk to get money to buy more scratch offs. He was **spending \$600 a week on instant Lottery tickets.** [Read more](#)

### **Normal City Councilman suggests moratorium on video gambling**

Eight businesses that plan to have video gambling machines have received liquor licenses from Normal in the last two months, and one councilman believes it's time to take a step back. Councilman Jeff Fritzen suggested the town consider a moratorium on any more such licenses for a year to assess how all eight are doing. [Read more](#)

## FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Last week the Governor cut funding for many social service organizations. We are concerned that a hint of gambling money could be used to entice these groups to support the expansion of gambling. Remember the promise to fund education with the Lottery? Last year \$145 Million of Lottery funds were used for capital construction projects. Gambling always promises more than it delivers. More gambling will not solve the budget crisis.

- Call Governor Rauner (800-642-3112) and ask him to OPPOSE all gambling expansion (more casinos, Lottery, Horse Racing, Video Gambling. etc.).
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