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Gambling Action Alert Call your Legislators



Call your Representative to Vote NO on SB 655

SB 655 was amended in the House to allow a video gambling terminal operator to also be licensed as an owner of an establishment or truck stop as long as another terminal operator owned the machines. **The Video Gambling Act prohibits people from have multiple types of licenses to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest and to guard against corruption.**

SB 655 was written for one terminal operator who owns a bar and grill in Lemont. However, other terminal operators who own establishments or truck stops would be eligible to have multiple licenses with this change in law. **Terminal operators should follow the law and not change it for their own benefit.**

The House Executive Committee held the second hearing on a Chicago casino and massive expansion of gambling this week. (See articles below.) If a gambling "deal" is finalized, a bill will be introduced very quickly before the end of the Session. That is why you need to let your Legislators know you are opposed to all gambling expansion. Tell them NO MORE GAMBLING.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

- Contact your State Representative and ask him/her to Vote NO on SB 655 and tell them NO MORE GAMBLING.
- Contact your State Senator and ask him/her and tell them NO MORE GAMBLING.
- Contact the Governor and tell him NO MORE GAMBLING.
- Share this Alert with your faith community and ask them to CALL and PRAY.
- Forward to 10 others.

Illinois lawmakers, some citizens at odds over gambling expansion

Anti-gambling activists say a Chicago casino is a false promise. "Just like the lottery did not solve our school problems, the casino will not solve the problem with our city and our state," said John Alan Boryk, an anti-gambling activist. "We would not attract the high rollers. The customers would be the persons in the neighborhoods, who can ill afford it," said pastor Myron McCoy.

<http://wgntv.com/2015/05/11/illinois-lawmakers-some-citizens-at-odds-over-gambling-expansion/>

... Jeannie Evans, of Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems, argued Chicago convention organizers already have a gambling option in nearby Des Plaines. It's 15 miles away, a 30-minute drive." <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20150511/news/150519756/>

Annual push for Illinois gambling expansion begins

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/politics/ct-illinois-gambling-expansion-met-0505-20150504-story.html>

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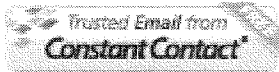
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