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Gambling Action Alert



A gambling expansion bill might surface next week, according to Capitol Fax, but the governor is in no mood to sign it as long as his "Turnaround Agenda" is being ignored by the majority Democrats.

Gov. Bruce Rauner wrote in a letter published today that the length of the legislative session is entirely up to lawmakers. If legislators are willing to reform how we do business, they will find me an eager partner. If they are not, then they should expect a very long extra session. [Read more](#)

Chicago Mayor Emanuel said he wants to see how the final days of the spring session play out before asking the new City Council to search for new revenue to solve the \$30 billion pension crisis. The Mayor said he remains hopeful of a "mega, mea deal" that includes a Chicago casino. **The Mayor is still opposed to video gambling, but wants a Chicago casino.** [Read more](#)

More gambling will not solve the budget problems for Illinois or Chicago

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Casinos in the Chicago area - Watch two videos of an interview with Laurence Msall and Sen. Terry Link <http://abc7chicago.com/news/newsviews-casinos-in-the-chicago-area/726279/>

Should Chicago bank on a casino? Watch panel discussion: <http://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2015/05/12/should-chicago-bank-casino>

Land of Casinos: Video gambling expanding rapidly in Illinois

Watch the video and scroll down to see the interactive map showing the number of video gambling establishments in each county. Note: Each establishment can have up to 5 machines. <http://www.illinoishomepage.net/story/d/story/land-of-casinos-video-gambling-expanding-rapidly-i/41217/zsmFhSkMnEic-XwaCrmV0w>

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

- State Legislators will be walking in parades and attending public functions this Memorial Day week-end. Tell them NO MORE GAMBLING.
- Contact Governor Rauner and ask him not to include a Chicago casino or other gambling expansion in a mega deal-NO MORE GAMBLING.
- Share this alert with your faith community and ask them to call and PRAY!
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