

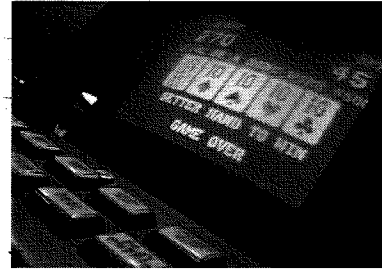


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Video Gambling Alert



The Illinois Gaming Board stripped the video gambling license for Mr. C's Family Restaurant after confirming the owner pleaded guilty in 1997 to stealing \$146,000 from a motel he managed in South Carolina.

... John Conforti did not include the conviction on a disclosure statement he filed with the Gaming Board, answering "none" to a question about prior criminal history, the *Chicago Tribune* reported.

He told the *Tribune* that his attorney told him the conviction had been expunged and that he should answer no to questions about prior criminal convictions. South Carolina officials said his conviction was not eligible for expungement. [Read more](#)

During the IGB meeting, several video gambling establishments were disciplined for allowing illegal gambling in their establishments, others were reprimanded for lying to investigators. Some companies were fined for moving terminals without getting approval from the Board. The Board issued many disciplinary actions and a few large fines. [Listen to the audio](#)

As Dianne Berlin, a long-time activist noted: ***"Legalizing something harmful never eliminates the harm. It just changes the legal consequences and usually for those who produce, promote and in other ways profit financially from the "legalized" substance or activity with very little to no regard for the negative impact on individuals or society-at-large."***

No budget means no video gambling money for towns

Suburbs that host video gambling in bars and restaurants and look forward to getting a cut of the money won't see their share until the state has a budget in place, Gov. Bruce Rauner's office said.

... "Municipalities have already adopted their budgets and used revenue assumptions that factor in the monthly video gaming payment," Lake County Municipal League Executive Director Mandi Florip said in a statement. [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Talk with your State Legislators** in their district offices or public functions in your area and tell them NO MORE GAMBLING!
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