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Gambling Action Alert



The General Assembly will be in session January 27-28

Legislative Candidate Survey

The Primary election is March 15, and early voting begins on February 4. It is important to know the candidate's position on gambling BEFORE you cast your vote. [Print a copy of the survey.](#) If your current Legislators are running for re-election, ask them to tell you their position on the gambling legislation portion of the survey. Attend Candidate Forums and event where candidates are attending to ask their position on gambling.

Daily fantasy sports industry takes fight to states

The daily fantasy sports industry has dramatically changed its survival strategy since last year. The industry now has about 75 lobbyists in more than 30 states. The goal is simple: If existing state laws indicate that your business might be illegal, then hire some professionals to help change those laws.

... Charchian said he hoped to have around 10 legislative victories to report at this time next year. The process already is underway in states such as California, Florida, Illinois and Nebraska. [Read More](#)

Decatur council plans 'homework' on casino

The City Council will consider the plan for a casino in the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel as part of a larger evaluation of gambling in the city. The discussion will likely occur in March or April. Two former Argosy Gaming Co. executives are involved in the development plans. [Read more.](#)

Methodists opposing casino plan

The pastors of the United Methodist churches of Macon County wrote an op-ed in opposition to the proposal for a casino in Decatur. They asked members of the Decatur City Council to vote "no" to any proposal that would indicate willingness on the part of the city to receive such a casino. [Read more](#)

Forsyth keeps gaming restrictions in place

The Village Administrator and Mayor had asked the Board to consider video gambling, but Trustee Dave Wendt said the feedback he has received from residents is opposed. [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Ask Legislative candidates and current Legislators running for office their position on gambling expansion.
2. Share the articles below with your Legislators and faith community.
3. Forward to 10 others.

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Additional articles

Study: Flashing lights and music turn rats into problem gamblers

"Anyone who's ever designed a casino game or played a gambling game will tell you that of course sound and light cues keep you more engaged, but now we can show it scientifically." [Read more and Watch the video!](#)

Lots of luck - you'll need it

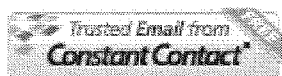
Gambling is an addiction that surpasses the entertainment value of the games. Only about 5 percent of the gamblers come out winners, but it's estimated their losses make up a quarter of the profits for the casinos. [Read more](#)

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