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Gambling Action Alert
New Push for Fantasy Sports HB 4323



The lobbying group for fantasy sports sites was in Springfield yesterday to support Rep. Mike Zalewski's **bill to legalize fantasy sports and contests for anyone 18 and older on the Internet.** [Read more](#)

The nature and legality of daily fantasy sports operations are being debated across the country. "**This is a massive expansion of gambling that will effect young people, especially males**", said [Anita] Bedell. People can gamble on it anywhere, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, nonstop." [Read more](#)

While the state is still without a budget, and it doesn't appear an agreement between the Democrats and Republicans is close, Zalewski said **he hopes this bill will be heard during the spring session.** [Read more](#)

HB 4323 is scheduled to be heard in the [House Judiciary - Criminal Committee](#) on **Tuesday, March 1.** This bill is not about consumer protection for those who currently engage in Daily Fantasy Sports, it is about protecting the companies that are operating illegal gambling. **The bill is written so broadly that it will legalize Internet betting on sports, social media games, video game contests and much more.**

Attorney Generals in many states, including Illinois have ruled that Daily Fantasy Sports is illegal gambling. While companies pulled out of Hawaii and Nevada after officials said the business was illegal, they **have a filed lawsuit in Illinois and want to pass this legislation before the case is heard in court.** [Read](#) what is happening in New York, where the Attorney General wants the companies banned.

Legislators should not rush to legalize this massive expansion of gambling with far reaching ramifications.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

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