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Gambling Action Alert

Fantasy Sports/Contest Bill in Committee April 4



Next week the House Judiciary Criminal Law Committee is scheduled to hear HB 4323 to **legalize Internet betting on sports, video game competitions, games on social media, in-game betting on sports using real-time information, and contests including award shows, political debates, and much more. HB 4323 is a massive expansion of gambling.**

Anyone 18 years of age could gamble on their cell phone, computer or tablet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Underage gambling is a concern, as **sports gambling apps target users as young as 13**, reported marketwatch.com.

The Wall Street Journal reported on the lobbying effort coordinated by the Fantasy Sports Trade Association, FanDuel, Inc. and DraftKings in 34 states, in the hopes of passing bills exempting fantasy sports from state gambling laws. **"If all these bills passed, you would have just essentially legalized a ton of sports betting that is unregulated and untaxed. I don't think lawmakers get the ramifications of what they are doing,"** said a fantasy-sports and online gambling analyst.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan ruled in December, 2015, that Daily **Fantasy Sports is illegal gambling**, and DraftKings quickly filed a law suit to keep operating in the state. The company needs large numbers of users for their business to work.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Contact your State Representative** and ask him/her to **vote NO on the Fantasy Contest Act (HB 4323)**. HB 4323 is a massive expansion of gambling that will legalize Internet gambling 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
2. **Contact Governor Rauner** and ask him to oppose HB 4323 to legalize Internet gambling on sports and contests.
3. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY and CALL.
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