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**Internet Sports Gambling Bill
Call your State Rep. TODAY**



Fantasy Sports Bill (HB 4323) passes out of Committee

After much manipulation, the Fantasy Sports Gambling bill passed out of the Committee today on a vote of 9 -4. Prof. John Kindt said in his written testimony, "The National Gambling Impact Study Commission Report concluded that Daily Fantasy Sports type gambling was "impossible to regulate" and had to be prohibited."

HB 4323 is a massive expansion of Internet Sports Gambling on every smart phone, computer, and tablet. Anyone 21 and older would be able to gamble from their home, office, or dorm room 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

HB 4323 allows players to create one account and attempts to limit the amount that can be deposited in that account to \$3,000 per quarter. However, the bill allows the Illinois Gaming Board to temporarily or permanently increase this amount for individual gamblers.

While the bill says Fantasy Sports companies cannot advertise on school, college, or university campuses, **children and college students' can view the ads from their smart phone, computer, tablet or television set.** "Incidental depiction of non-featured minors" in Fantasy Sports ads is not a violation of the law!

The age verification program associated with Fantasy Sports Gambling includes typing in your name, address, and date of birth. Additional information could be included. The person would be able to gamble for

10 days while the information is verified! This does not protect children and teens from using their parents' information and gambling on the Internet!

Attorney Generals in 11 states, including Illinois, have said that Daily Fantasy Sports is illegal gambling. Individuals are not being arrested for participating in Daily Fantasy Sports, but companies such as DraftKings and FanDuel have been asked to stop taking bets in those states. **HB 4323 allows those companies to continue their illegal operations while the Gaming Board writes the regulations and conducts investigations of the company owners!**

The Illinois Gaming Board OPPOSED this bill, which would require them to regulate Fantasy Sports Gambling. When the Gaming Board tried to pass strict rules to regulate video gambling, Legislators voted against the rules or passed legislation to overrule actions of the Gaming Board!

Gambling is an unstable source of revenue. The fees and taxes imposed will not begin to pay for the regulation and social costs of this massive expansion of gambling.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Contact your State Representative TODAY and ask him/her to Vote NO on the Internet sports gambling bill (HB 4323).**
2. **Contact the governor's office to ask Gov. Rauner to oppose Internet Sports gambling (HB 4323).**
3. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
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