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## **Gambling Action Alert HB 3655 Internet Sports Gambling**



Senator Kwame Raoul amended a bill for EYELASH TECH CERTIFICATION this afternoon, and the bill was assigned to the Senate Executive Committee with one hour notice. **The language of HB 3655 was changed to legalize Internet Sports Gambling.**

This is a massive expansion of gambling into every smart phone, home, office, or dorm room 24 hours a day, 7 days a week non-stop.

Daily Fantasy Sports is illegal under three Federal laws, according to Prof. John Kindt, and the U. S. National Gambling Impact Study Commission report concluded that this type of gambling was "impossible to regulate" and had to be prohibited. [Read more](#)

A recent study found that **10 percent of college students are gambling on the Internet. If the Legislature legalizes sports gambling on the Internet, this rate will increase.** Young males are especially vulnerable to Internet sports betting.

HB 3655 says Fantasy sports contest operators "shall not advertise on school, college, or university campuses". However, **high school and college students have smart phones, computers, and televisions, and gambling ads and apps could be placed so students would see them.**

A recent study found that **Twitter users under the age of 18 who follow popular sports accounts are being "bombarded" with gambling ads.** Regular exposure to this type of media can "normalize" gambling behavior. **Studies indicate that youths who view these ads are more likely to gamble.** [Read more](#)

HB 3655 would give the Illinois Gaming Board jurisdiction over fantasy sports contests. The Gaming Board currently regulates 10 casinos and nearly 23,000 video gambling machines at 5,350 establishments statewide. **The IGB does not have the staff or expertise to monitor and regulate Internet sports gambling.**

IMPORTANT: Newspapers reported today that **Nevada gambling regulators have accused one of the state's largest sports book operators of a series of egregious violations, including underpaying winners, accepting bets after a match and knowingly withholding information, even after authorities warned them two years ago to stay out of trouble** following a record \$5.5 million settlement involving a separate illegal sports betting case. [READ](#)

**Companies that currently operate illegal Daily Fantasy Sports in Illinois are eligible to apply for a license.** Can these companies be trusted to follow the law? **When the Illinois Gaming Board tried to implement strict rules for video gambling, the Legislature passed legislation to override the Board's decisions and voted down Administrative Rules to exclude businesses and individuals from operating in Illinois.** If another form of gambling is legalized in Illinois, efforts to strictly regulate online sports gambling will be thwarted.

#### FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **CALL your [State Senator](#)** (217-782-2000 Capitol switchboard) and ask him/her to **Vote NO on HB 3655 to legalize Internet sports gambling, a massive expansion of gambling.**
2. **Contact the [Governor](#) and ask him to OPPOSE Internet Fantasy Sports (HB 3655). Call: 800-642-3112, 217-782-6830, or 312-814-2121**
3. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
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