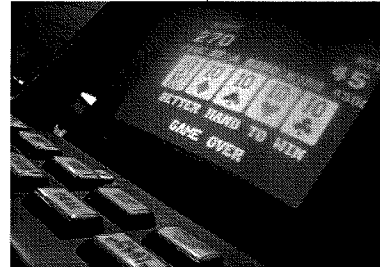




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## **Gambling Action Alert**

### **Senate PASSES Internet Sports gambling bill HB 3655**



Yesterday, the language to legalize Internet sports gambling was put on a bill that had passed in the House regarding eyelash technician certification (HB 3655). **In less than 24 hours, HB 3655 was passed in the Senate by a vote of 32 Yes, 22 NO, 1 Present.** See how your [Senator voted](#).

Companies continue to operate Daily Fantasy Sports (DFS) since Attorney General Madigan issued an opinion in December, 2015 that DFS was illegal gambling. Two DFS companies [filed a lawsuit](#), hired lobbyists, and moved quickly to pass HB 3655 before the lawsuit is heard in June.

**HB 3655 will go to the House and be called for a vote before the session ends on May 31st.**

Legislators have heard from many voters in their district who participate in DFS. **They need to hear from YOU about the unintended consequences and problems of legalizing Internet sports gambling.**

HB 3955 a massive expansion of gambling into every smart phone, home, office, or dorm room 24 hours a day, 7 days a week non-stop. 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.

**The Illinois Gaming Board, which is opposed to the bill, is given jurisdiction over fantasy sports contests. The IGB does not have the staff or expertise to monitor and regulate Internet sports gambling.**

In Nevada gambling regulators have accused one of the state's largest sports book operators of serious violations, including underpaying winners, accepting bets after a match had ended, and knowingly withholding information. [Read more](#) **Will companies that have operated illegal gambling in Illinois abide by strict regulations?** In Illinois,

when gambling companies don't like a law, they change the law.

**We must flood the capitol with calls to Representatives and the Governor to OPPOSE Internet Sports gambling and Vote NO on HB 3655.**

### FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Contact your State Representative (217-782-2000 Capitol Switchboard)** and ask him/her to **Vote NO on HB 3655**.
2. **Contact the Governor** and ask him to **OPPOSE HB 3655**.
3. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
4. **Forward** to 10 others.

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