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Gambling Alert & Video Gambling Update



Internet Fantasy Sports gambling

Draftkings and FanDuel have spent months and money lobbying lawmakers, and they remain in court with the state, the Daily Herald reported. [Read more](#)

Daily Fantasy Sports is illegal under three Federal laws: the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 (UIGEA), the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992, and the Wire Act of 1961 (passed by U. S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to fight organized crime), Professor John Kindt wrote in testimony for the House criminal justice committee.

The Illinois Senate disregarded federal laws and passed HB 4323, to allow anyone 21 and older to gamble on sports 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from a smart phone, computer, or other electronic devices from their home, office, or dorm room.

The House could vote on HB 4323 during the Veto Session, which is scheduled for November 15-17, 29-30, and December 1. **Your help is need to stop this bill from becoming law.**

Illinois Lottery

The state issued a request for proposals (RFP) for a private firm to operate the Illinois Lottery on July 28th. "The new operator technically will be able to select their own supplier. But if the new manager dumps Gtech as a supplier it will have to pay a penalty" of up to \$56 million, Chicago Crain's Business reported. [Read more](#)

Video Gambling

Burglary at Moose Lodge in Pittsfield - an undetermined amount of cash was taken from video gambling machines and an ATM. [Read more](#)

Decatur City Council voted to cap the number of video gambling parlors at 30, the number of existing establishments plus pending license applications. Over time, the city will reduce the number to 20 through attrition and require new parlors to be 1,500 feet from other parlors, the Herald and Review reported. [Read more](#)

Normal Town Council voted unanimously to place a moratorium on video gambling licenses until the end of 2016. [Read more](#)

Huntley has more power to set regulations on video gambling machines now that they are a home rule municipality, the Northwest Herald reported. Huntley trustees are considering a moratorium on video gambling establishments until the staff has time to draft regulations. [Read more](#)

Limitations on video gambling have also been discussed in [DeKalb](#). ***"Illinois now has more electronic gambling devices than Nevada,*** but Illinois has one of the lowest (if not the lowest) tax rates on these devices." [Read this op-ed](#) from Prof. John Kindt.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Attend Candidate Forums and events where Legislative Candidates are in attendance. Ask candidates their position on gambling using [ILCAAAP's Candidate Survey](#).**
2. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
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NOTE: The Veto Session is scheduled for Nov. 15-17 and Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1

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