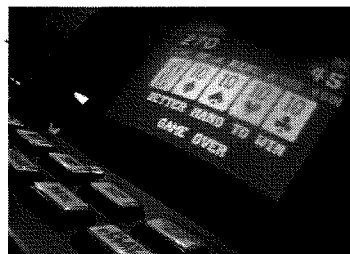




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Gambling Action Alert

**Call Your SENATOR Today!
Vote NO on SB 7**



Senate leaders have asked for a vote on SB 7 TODAY! SB 7 includes a perpetual license for a massive casino in Chicago, 4 racetrack casinos, and casinos in Danville, Rockford, Lake County, South Suburbs of Chicago, and a Winery in Williamson County.

Proposed casino legislation dictates more bankruptcy, education losses for Illinois

In this commentary published in the *Rockford Star Register* Univ. of IL Prof. John Kindt writes: ... the new **SB 7** legislation **gives away another 10 casino licenses worth billions of dollars** on Wall Street for only \$100,000 each, which is **another giveaway of \$3 billion to \$6 billion to political insiders.**

The **current low tax rates on Illinois casinos would also be specifically lowered further by SB 7.** ... These tax provisions may look reasonable, but the net effect is that **no Illinois casino would ever meet the maximum tax rate for EGDs/slot machines, and only the Rivers Casino could potentially reach the maximum tax on table games.**

The commentary goes on to explain some of the **costs of casino gambling:**

Once EGDs/slot machines are introduced to an area, crime increases an average 10 percent per year compounding every year. Bankruptcies also increase 18 percent to 42 percent as people lose their monies.

Increased gambling addiction causes concomitant spousal abuse, child abuse, suicides and other social maladies. It is well-established academically that the **socio-economic costs to the taxpayers are \$3 or more for every \$1 in benefits.** [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **CALL your SENATOR today and ask him/her to vote NO on SB 7, the massive gambling expansion bill.** (217-782-2000 Capitol Switchboard)
2. **PRAY** for your Senator.
3. **FORWARD** to 10 others.