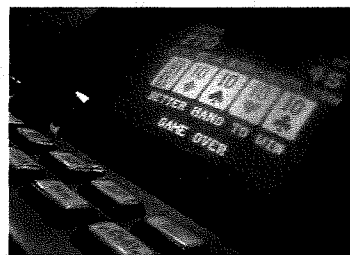


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Gambling Update & Alert



Illinois Internet Lottery bill extended

SB 1810 was amended early in the morning on June 30th-the final day of the fiscal year-passed in both the House and Senate and signed into law by the governor. The language on the first pages of the 154 page bill, line out the word "pilot" from the Internet Lottery program and extended the program until July 1, 2017. [Read more](#)

While leaders from both parties promised to get the votes needed to pass the bill, most Legislators did not know what was included in the bills. They voted for the stopgap measures to fund schools and to get through the election.

Lottery disputes Auditor General findings

The Illinois Lottery is challenging the findings of an audit that concluded it had broken the state finance law. Acting director of the Illinois Lottery, Tim McDevitt, tried to clear up confusion about why it had made two payments of \$10 million so the state could participate in the future multi-state lottery games of Mega Millions and Powerball. . . . The Treasurer's Office confirmed that the State Lottery Fund takes legislative approval to be spent, but due to the impending budget impasse, the department wasn't going to have it. [Read more](#)

U. S. Senate oversight panel demands answers on Lottery Rigging

Senator John Thune (R-SD) chairman of an oversight panel is demanding to know what lottery officials are doing to prevent the rigging of lottery jackpots. The security director of the Multi-State Lottery Association was convicted last year on two counts of felony fraud for rigging a \$16.5 million lottery jackpot in Iowa. [Read more](#)

Lottery firm says its 'most prized' secrets have been stolen

Scientific Games International Inc. is asking a federal judge to prevent information from being used outside the company in the multibillion dollar lottery industry after a key executive orchestrated a "massive theft" of its most prized secrets before resigning to accept a position with a rival company. [Read more](#)

Casino owners buying video gambling companies

Penn National, which owns casinos in Aurora and Joliet, and Alton bought out terminal operator Prairie State Gaming last summer, and Delaware North, owner of Jumer's casino in Rock Island, bought Gaming & Entertainment Management in May. Those companies together have machines in a total of 13 percent of video-gambling sites statewide, the Chicago Sun Times reported. [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Summer is a good time to meet Legislators and candidates**

All State Representatives and 40 Senators are running for office, with 62 contested races in the House and 14 in the Senate. Summer is a good time to talk with current Legislators and their opponents to ask their position on gambling and to let them know of your opposition.

2. **Ask candidates to tell you their position on gambling on ILCAAAP's Candidate Survey.**

3. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.

4. **Forward** to 10 others.

NOTE: The Veto Session is scheduled for Nov. 15-17 and Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1

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