



**May 26, 2017**

**Gambling Alert**  
**SB 208 - Internet Gambling**  
**SB 7 hearing on Memorial Day**



**Senate Bill 7**, the massive gambling expansion bill was put in the Gaming Subcommittee this week and will be heard at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, Labor Day. Other bills to be heard include **House Bill 2877** - video gambling at racetracks and Off Track Betting parlors **Senate Bill 1427** - extends Internet Lottery pilot program until July, 2018.

The House Executive Committee could vote on the gambling bills at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30--one day before the scheduled adjournment!

According to the State Journal-Register, a developer, who is a lobbyist, owner of video gambling parlors and a medical marijuana dispensary, wants to put a casino in downtown Springfield.

State Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, filed an amendment onto SB 7 for 900 gambling positions for downtown Springfield. [Read more](#) Read the [amendment](#)

**SB 208 has an amendment to legalize Internet Fantasy Sports gambling AND Internet Gambling.** Both are illegal under federal law and Illinois law. **The bill could be called for a vote in the final days of the session and/or over Memorial Day Week-end.**

**SB 620 - Video gambling at Truck Stops DEFEATED**

SB 620 doubled the number of gambling machines at truck stops. The bill was on postpone and was called for another vote this week. SB 620 was defeated by a vote of 24 Yes to 27 No. Thank you to all who called and alerted others!

Check to see how your Senator voted. **If your Senator Voted NO, please call him/her to thank them for their vote.**

**FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

1. **Call your State Senator** to vote NO on SB 208 to legalize Internet Gambling and Internet Sports betting.
2. **Call your State Representative** and ask him/her to Vote NO on SB 7, SB 1427, and HB 2877. (217-782-2000, Capitol Switchboard)

3. **Legislators will attend Memorial Day parades and events** on Saturday and Sunday morning. Take the opportunity to tell them you are opposed to gambling and ask them to oppose all gambling expansion bills.
4. **Contact the governor** and tell him to oppose SB 7,a casino in Springfield, Internet Gambling, and Internet Fantasy Sports betting. (217-782-6830)
5. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to CALL and PRAY.
6. **Forward** to 10 others.

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