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Gambling Action Alert Internet Gambling Bills



Senate Bill 7, the massive casino expansion bill, will not be called for a vote this session. Thank you for all your help in contacting Legislators and the governor.

Senate Bill 209 DOUBLES the minimum bet on video gambling, increases the jackpot, and legalizes progressive jackpots of \$10,000. Terminal operators are also allowed to give incentives to establishments to induce people to gamble and pay for advertising costs for establishments. **This bill moved out of the Senate Gaming Committee today.**

Internet Fantasy Sports Gambling and Internet Gambling

With two days left in the spring Legislative Session, bills have been amended to not only legalize Internet Fantasy Sports gambling, but Internet gambling (**Senate Bill 208**). These forms of gambling are illegal by both Illinois law and Federal law. Companies that are currently taking Daily Fantasy Sports bets in Illinois illegally can be licensed!

Those who have a casino, racetrack, or Advance Deposit Wagering license are eligible to apply for an Internet gambling license. A license fee of \$10 million is paid up front, but constitutes an advance payment of Internet wagering taxes owed! The tax rate would be 10% to 15%. A new division would be established in the Illinois Gaming Board to establish and regulate Internet gambling and Internet Fantasy Sports gambling.

Internet gambling cannot be regulated. Underage gambling and pathological gambling could increase if Illinois residents can legally gamble on their smartphones, computers, tablets, and other electronic devices 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Rep. Zalewski amended two bills to legalize Internet Fantasy Sports gambling and Internet Gambling (**SB 1805 and SB 1667**). Both bills have been assigned to the House Executive Committee and could be heard any time.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Call your State Senator and ask him/her to Vote NO on SB 209 to expand video gambling and SB 208 to legalize Internet Gambling and Internet Fantasy Sports Gambling. (217-782-2000, Capitol Switchboard)**
2. **Call your State Representative and ask him/her to Vote NO SB 1805 and SB 1667 to legalize Internet Gambling and Internet Fantasy Sports Gambling. (217-782-2000, Capitol)**

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