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Gambling not the way to prop up budget



The *Pantagraph* had an excellent editorial about gambling expansion.

These terminals are not benign. They're engineered to get you to risk your money. That thousands and thousands of dollars vanish into them - instead of "buying local," supporting local restaurants or paying tuition - is disheartening, even if some ends up in municipal coffers.

This puts government officials in a curious Catch-22: With state finances an unmitigated mess, gambling in all forms is a lucrative revenue stream. Last month, a developer announced plans for a Sangamon County casino, although gambling expansion has been a major General Assembly battle. Other legislation would tax fantasy sports betting online. That's how big a market we're talking about. It all seems a little excessive, doesn't it?

In Champaign, the city council has extended a temporary moratorium on new video-gaming businesses. Decatur also has pumped the brakes on gaming parlors, capping the number citywide at 30, and requiring new ones to be at least 1,500 feet from another one.

... That's the reason municipalities must be careful about oversaturation and where gaming is allowed. Five years after the state legalized video gambling, **it's tempting**

to see such cash flow as a way to prop up budgets, but we can't operate on the backs of gamblers.

It's a bet we should not be willing to take.

Norma B was convicted of embezzling \$241,000 from a bank in Illinois where she was employed for 33 years. Watch the impact of gambling on lives.

Did you see this story about Lottery Fraud and Rigging Jackpots?

Eddie Tipton, who worked for the Multi-State Lottery Association from 2003 until 2015 and was its computer information security director for his last two years there, appeared in a Des Moines courtroom where he pleaded guilty to one count of ongoing criminal conduct. He publicly acknowledged his lead role in the scheme for the first time.

. . . The **scandal has led to a consumer fraud lawsuit against** the Urbandale, Iowa-based **Multi-State Lottery Association**. The association serves lotteries in 33 states the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and **provides the computers used to randomly draw numbers in several games including Powerball, Mega Millions** and Hot Lotto, among other games.

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