



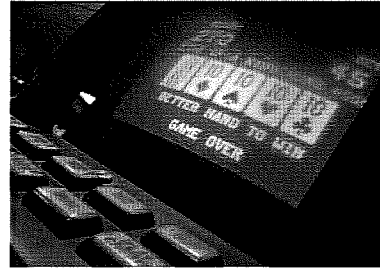
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Gambling Action Alert

Internet Gambling



Senate President John Cullerton, who has pushed for online gambling for many years, said Internet gambling could become part of the massive expansion talks that are currently underway at the Capitol. Public testimony was heard in the Senate Executive Committee yesterday, but there is no bill yet. [Read more](#)

Only three states have legalized Internet gambling (Delaware, Nevada, New Jersey), and the amount of revenue they have collected is much less than projected!

Delaware gaming officials reported that for the months of November and December Internet gambling revenue was only \$253,000, far short of the projected \$5 million that was expected over a full-year basis. [Read more](#)

New Jersey's Gov. Christie's administration admitted it had overplayed its hand on online gambling, **drastically overestimating the amount the state would bring in** during the first year, New Jersey.com reported.

The governor had anticipated \$200 million in new tax revenue from the legalization of online gambling. Now they expect just \$34 million in revenue. Many credit card companies reject online gambling transactions. [Read more](#)

The governors of Nevada and Delaware signed an interstate Internet gaming partnership. But before the agreement can become an enticing example to other states, it has to go live - and neither governor had a clear prediction as to when Nevadans and Delawareans would actually be able to begin playing against each other.

In **Nevada**, industry watchers have guessed that the state's current \$3 million per-year online gaming industry could be worth up to \$50 million per year if online poker goes nationwide. No one is expecting anywhere near that level of expansion under the agreement signed today, as there are fewer than a million residents in Delaware. However, even if the cooperation is successful, expansion beyond Nevada and Delaware is not a foregone conclusion. [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Contact your [State Senator](#) and [State Representative](#) and ask them to OPPOSE Internet Gambling and SB 1739, the massive gambling expansion bill. Capitol Switchboard 217-782-2000
2. Contact [Governor Quinn](#) to ask that he OPPOSE Internet Gambling and the massive gambling expansion bill (SB 1739). Phone: 800-642-3112
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