 Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems

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Gambling Action Alert

HB 3655 stays in the Senate



Future of Illinois' daily fantasy sports bill unclear

A last-minute push to legalize daily fantasy sports betting in Illinois cleared the state Senate on Thursday, but the bill's future is in limbo because of some legislative maneuvering.

... The Senate passed the bill on a 32-22 vote Thursday but shortly afterward, one of the measure's supporters filed a motion to reconsider, putting the proposal on hold and preventing it from moving to the House.

Chicago Democratic Sen. Antonio Munoz, who filed the motion, didn't immediately return messages left at his office. It wasn't immediately clear why he filed the motion or whether he plans to undo it. There's a little over a week left in the 2016 legislative session. [Read more](#)

Plan would let casinos in on fantasy sports betting

Casino representatives criticized the plan, saying the regulations are weak compared to what their industry must comply with and the proposal is too narrow.

"If you're going to have a conversation about legalizing Internet gaming, that should be a comprehensive law," said Paul Gaynor, who represents Rivers Casino in Des Plaines. Some casinos would like to see a plan that would allow other kinds of Internet gambling. [Read more](#)

Capitol Fax reported that "Bluhm and other casino owners were grandfathered into the bill to allow them to get into the fantasy sports business without having to bother with licensing requirements. But **Bluhm also reportedly wants to amend the bill to allow him to get into the online gaming industry**, and he's hired an army of lobbyists to match the other side's large contingent." Neil Bluhm is the owner of Rivers Casino in Des Plaines.

See how your Senator voted on HB 3655

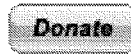
FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Contact your [State Senator](#)** . Call to thank him/her for a NO vote. If your Senator voted YES, let him/her know HB 3655 is a massive expansion of gambling and you are OPPOSED.
2. Call your [State Representative](#) and ask him/her to OPPOSE Internet Sports gambling (HB

3655, HB 4323), a massive expansion of gambling.

3. **Call the Governor (1-800-642-3112) and ask him to OPPOSE Internet sports gambling.**
4. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
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