

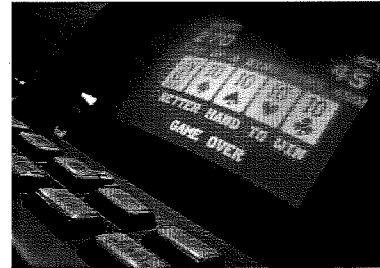


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Video Gambling Action Alert



Bar and restaurant owners in communities with bans on video gambling are asking local officials to revisit the issue. Niles, Woodridge, Long Grove, Rolling Meadows, and Island Lake are among those communities.

Despite repeated pleas from local business owners, Island Lake officials voted 4-3 to put the issue on the first available ballot - possibly as soon as November. [Read more](#)

Wheeling officials want to limit the number and type of video gambling establishments. They plan to set up two new types of liquor licenses: one for restaurants that want to offer video gambling and the other for the gambling cafes that get the majority of their revenue from wagering, according to the Daily Herald. [Read more](#)

The video gambling report for December came out today. Over \$37.6 Million was LOST in 13,374 video gambling machines in over 3,000 locations. [Look at the report](#) to see how much is being LOST in communities near you.

The Daily Herald published the following editorial after the Legislative committee (JCAR) rejected Illinois Gaming Board rules to close a loophole and strictly regulate video gambling.

Wheeling and Bartlett are weighing restrictions on the number of sites in town. In October, Barrington decided to stand by its ban on the machines, concerned, as one trustee stated, that video gambling can be conducted by business owners "with very shaky backgrounds." For these and other towns, caution is the best bet. Besides the possibility of corruption, they should consider the costs of treatment, crime and other factors associated with problem gambling.

. . . Illinois' corruption problem is real. Lawmakers should have the sense to know that any gap in the regulations that allows unlicensed middlemen to make deals should be eliminated quickly. ... With an average of 30 new machines being installed every day, there's no time to waste. [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Be vigilant and watchful in your community, and let your local officials know you support

- a BAN on video gambling.
2. If your community is considering video gambling, please contact ILCAAAP for resource packets, brochures, and studies to share with local officials and your faith community.
 3. PRAY

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