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Gambling Alert - January 5, 2017



HB 4214 - Sports Betting Bill

The U. S. Supreme Court heard arguments in December as to whether New Jersey can legalize sports betting. As states await the outcome, Rep. Lou Lang filed a shell bill to Legalize and Regulate Sports Betting. Casinos and racetracks want Internet and Sports gambling.

H 4214 is just a placeholder bill for now, but the intent appears to be to fill it with language that would regulate sports wagering in Illinois, depending on a favorable ruling from the Supreme Court. [Read more](#)

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If the federal ban is killed off, should Illinois legalize sports betting?

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Illinois lottery contract with Camelot

A top staffer for the Illinois Lottery failed to disclose her relationships and contact with lobbyists for a firm that was bidding for a massive contract to manage the lottery, a state investigation has found.

The lack of disclosure led the state's top contract officer to suspend the contract with the British lottery firm Camelot, potentially worth at least \$2 billion, according to records reviewed by the Tribune. The state reinstated the contract last week after a five-week investigation by an outside law firm determined the lapses were not significant enough to affect the fairness of the bidding process, the records show. Camelot, the only bidder for the contract, took over management of the lottery Tuesday. [Read more](#)

String of video gambling robberies

Illinois authorities are looking for two men believed to have stolen money from video gambling redemption machines at truck stops in Pocahontas, Marion, Downs and Monee.

The two men worked together to steal the money, according to a release from Illinois Gaming board officials. One man acts as a lookout while the other breaks into the redemption machines to remove the cash.

Officials from J & J Ventures Gaming in Effingham, Illinois are offering a \$5,000 reward. [Read more](#)

Farina and Salem also hit by burglaries. [Read more](#)

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