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Gambling Alert - March 9, 2018



Two bills to greatly expand the Lottery will be heard in the [Senate Gaming Committee](#) next week - Wednesday, March 14.

SB3528 - Extends the Internet Lottery "pilot" program for **11 more years, until 2028**. Legislators approved the 3 year "pilot" program in 2009. Anyone 18 years or older can purchase Lottery tickets from a cell phone, computer, or electronic device 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

SB3529 - Expands Internet Lottery sales to **ALL Lottery draw tickets, including scratch-offs, and interactive instant win games (KENO)**. The private manager would **only need the Director's approval, not Legislative approval, before providing any new draw or interactive instant games**.

NOTE: Legislators only approved Lotto and Mega Million tickets for sale on the Internet, and later added Powerball.

Sports Gambling

The U. S. Supreme Court is expected to rule on a sports gambling lawsuit later this year. Illinois and several other states have introduced sports gambling bills and are gearing up to move quickly if the Supreme Court rules in favor of New Jersey. [Read more](#)

Sen. Napoleon Harris is one of the Illinois lawmakers who have filed sports gambling legislation, and the only one who used to play in the NFL. Harris' bill would let **Illinois casinos offer sports betting both in-person and electronically.** [Read more](#) **SB 3432** includes "[Integrity Fees](#)" for Major League Baseball (MLB) and the National Basketball Association (NBA)

HB 5186 - Authorizes sports wagering at race tracks.

For Immediate Action

1. **Call** your Senator (217-782-2000 Capitol Switchboard) and **fill out** a [Witness Slip](#) to OPPOSE SB 3528 and SB 2529.
2. Legislative Candidates are asking for your vote in the **March 20 Primary** election. Go to ILCAAAP's [website](#) to see if candidates in your district have completed a survey on gambling expansion issues. **Make your vote count.**
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