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Gambling Alert - Mar. 28, 2018 Sports Gambling Hearing



Hearing on Sports Gambling in Chicago, April 3

In anticipation of a U. S. Supreme Court decision to overturn the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act coming soon, Illinois and Missouri are holding hearings on the legalization of sports gambling. [Read more](#)

The Illinois Senate Gaming Committee will hold a subject matter hearing on sports gambling on Tuesday, April 3, at 10:00 a.m. in Chicago at the Michael A. Bilandic Building, Room C600, 160 N. LaSalle St.

Three bills will be heard at the hearing:

SB 2478 - Sponsored by Sen. Steve Stadelman, Chairman of the committee
UNLESS prohibited under federal law, the Board may adopt rules to prohibit or authorize sports betting or electronic sports betting. [Read the bill](#)

SB 3125 - Sports gambling at racetracks and OTB parlors - Sen. Bill Brady
Defines "sports wagering" as wagering on athletic and sporting events **involving human competitors**, does not include pari-mutual wagering on horse racing. (This could include bets on Little League games, high school sports, etc.) No Daily Fantasy Sports. [Read the bill](#)

SB 3432 - Sen. Napoleon Harris, former NFL football player, is the sponsor This bill legalizes **sports betting at riverboat casinos in person or over the Internet**-- betting on professional, amateur, or collegiate sports or athletic events, motor race events, or contest of skill involving. No Daily Fantasy. Sports betting. INTEGRITY FEE of 1% of the amount wagered goes to the sport's governing body. [Read the bill](#)

Will a compromise bill appear?

From a pro-sports betting web site. . .

The three proposals are very different, so the hearing presents a good opportunity to inspect their merits side by side. Since none of the bills are likely passable on their own, the meeting should help identify the sticking points. And it seems possible that a combined, compromise bill could emerge from the discussion. [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

If you live in the Chicago area, plan to attend the hearing on April 3.

- Contact your [State Senator](#) and ask him to OPPOSE all sports gambling and Internet sports gambling bills.
- Share this Alert with your faith community and ask them to PRAY and CALL.
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