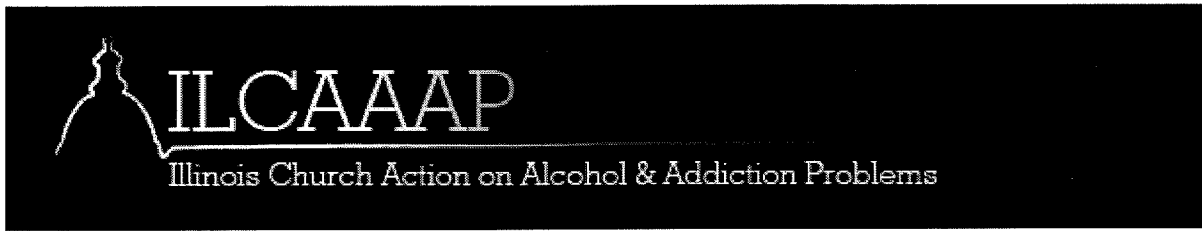


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Gambling Alert - April 4, 2018



Sports Gambling Hearing - Vote in Poll

The Illinois Senate Gaming Committee held a hearing in Chicago yesterday about legalizing sports gambling in Illinois if the U. S. Supreme Court gives a favorable ruling in the New Jersey case.

"Offering testimony were industry experts, state gaming interests, representatives from the major sports leagues and gambling opponents in what was a broad discussion on how a regulated industry would be structured, the amount of revenue that it could be expected to generate and problems to anticipate." Chris Grove, one of the "experts" who works for a gambling company and testified at the hearing, said "Eliminating the black market isn't realistic." [Read more](#)

Gambling interests want Illinois residents to bet on the most games possible, the greatest ways to bet, bet on college sports, have players' rewards, and have low to NO tax. They want Illinois residents to gamble not only on the outcome of the game, but during the game. [VOTE in the POLL](#)

NBA and MLB officials testified at the hearing in support of legalizing sports gambling. [Read more](#) [Watch news coverage](#)

The Senate is considering bills that legalize sports gambling on professional, amateur, or collegiate sports or athletic events, motor race events (NASCAR, Indy 500, motorcycle races, etc), contest of relative skill involving electronic media (video game competitions), or series of sporting events (Final Four, World Series, World Cup events). This is a massive expansion of gambling that would allow betting on sporting events worldwide 24 hours a day nonstop.

Sounds like a loser for Illinois! During the hearing, gambling interests told the Senators they should not have much regulation or tax too high. The black market will and off shore gambling sites will continue, and the State could only expect a small amount of revenue (\$10 million if bets were placed at casinos or \$60 million if betting was allowed on mobile devices).

For Immediate Action

Legislators will be back at the Capitol April 9. **Call and share this Alert with your State Senator and Representative**, and ask them to oppose sports betting and Internet gambling. (Capitol Switchboard: 217-782-2000)

Contact Governor Rauner's office and tell them you are opposed to legalizing sports gambling. (Phone: 217-782-6830 or 312-814-2121)

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