

U. S. Supreme Court overturns Sports Gambling Ban - Call Your Legislators



Gambling Alert - May 15, 2018



We were disappointed in the U S. Supreme Court decision that could expand Internet Sports Gambling in Illinois and states throughout the nation. People could place bets on cell phones and computers 24 hours a day and gamble nonstop. [Read more](#)

Online sports gambling will create a new generation of problem gamblers.

Millennials (those aged 25-34) were responsible for the biggest increase in online gambling of any age group last year. A recent study found that more than one fifth of 18 to 24 year olds confessed to gambling at work last year. Advertisements to gamble will fill the airwaves.

Gambling expansion has not and cannot solve Illinois' budget problems.

Legislators were **cautioned not to tax sports gambling too high.** The State would **make a small amount of revenue and pay for regulatory, criminal justice, and social costs, while gambling companies would make a fortune!**

Don't bet on fast action after Supreme Court lifts ban on sports betting

The question now is whether the money generated by sports betting could be the fresh ingredient that unlocks a broader deal between casino owners, communities that want to add more casinos, horseracing interests that want their own slot machines, the fast-growing video gambling industry and the next big thing - online and mobile gambling. Throw daily fantasy sports into the mix for good measure.

In a state so heavily invested in other forms of gambling, there are numerous obstacles to sports betting advancing on its own merits. [Read more](#)

Sen. Steve Stadelman and Rep. Lou Lang said lawmakers can't be hasty

Lang said, "We're going to do it right. And I'm not going to put a (House) bill together and get it out there for people to look at until I'm comfortable that it's the right bill."

. . . However, unions representing players in Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League, National Basketball Association and the National Football League issued a joint statement saying it's time to decide not only who should profit from legal sports betting, but also the potential costs. [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

1. Call your [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#) and ask them to focus on passing a budget in the final weeks of the session and not expand gambling. Ask them to OPPOSE the legalization of Internet Sports gambling.
2. Write a Letter to the Editor.
3. Share this Alert with your faith community and ask them to CALL and PRAY.
4. Forward to 10 others.

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