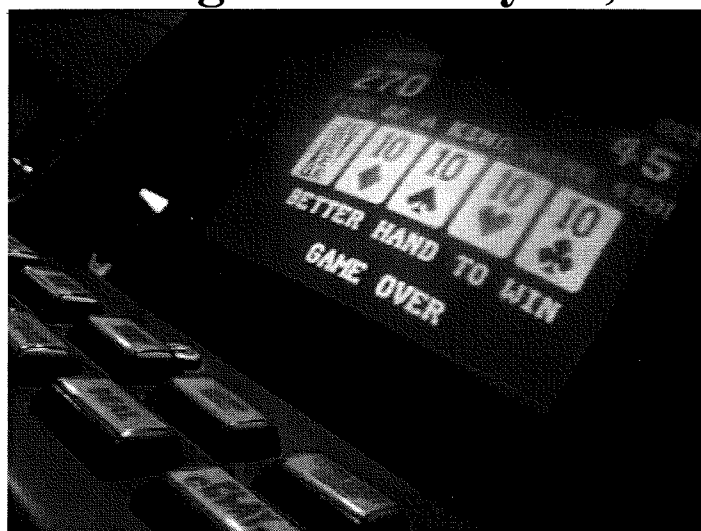


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## Gambling Alert - July 27, 2018



The governor signed SB 3452 on July 20 to extend the "pilot" program for Internet betting on horse racing (Advanced Deposit Wagering) for 4 more years. Yet, the racetracks want more.

The Illinois Racing Board met at Arlington Park and agreed to write rules to legalize "historical horse racing" at the racetracks, despite questions about whether they have the authority to approve this expansion of gambling.

Opponents of an expansion of gambling are also raising legal concerns. Anita Bedell, executive director of Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems, noted tracks already have off-track betting and out-of-state and online gambling, all of which required legislation. "This should go through the legislature," she said. "These are basically slot machines." [Read more](#)

**Attorneys generals in Maryland, Nebraska, and Wyoming have reviewed these historic racing machines and have concluded that they are not pari-mutuel betting.** The Wyoming state Supreme Court stated in their 2006 ruling, "We are not dealing with a new technology here; we are dealing with a slot machine that attempts to mimic traditional pari-mutuel betting. Although it may be a good try, we are not easily beguiled."

The Belleville News Democrat wrote an [editorial](#) about historic racing machines:

*In reality, most folks in the five states where it currently is legal skip the video of the race and go right to the results. They also have a "handi-helper" feature that does the picking for you. Sounds a whole lot like a slot machine, where there's no skill involved in predicting the outcome and you have a simple game of chance. . . . It does seem like an end run on Illinois' slot prohibitions.*

In July the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission authorized Churchill Downs to operate **2,000 historical racing machines**. They will open a new gambling operation called **Derby City Gaming** at a site that was formerly the company's off-track betting site. The Commission **authorized 7 different styles of gaming terminals that could offer up to 20 game themes**. [Read more](#) (Churchill Downs owns an IL racetrack)

The Illinois General Assembly had several opportunities to pass legislation to legalize historical racing machines, but has not done so. The Illinois Racing Board does not have the statutory authority to approve this massive expansion of gambling.

#### *For Immediate Action*

**Contact your State Legislators and candidates for Legislative office** to ask their position on gambling expansion--gambling machines at racetracks, Internet Sports gambling, Internet gambling, more casinos, expansion of video gambling. Tell them of your concerns and that you are opposed to the expansion of gambling.

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