



## Gambling Alert - September 27, 2018



According to *Legal Sports Report*, a [Shakeup in IL Politics could open the door for gambling expansion](#)

A Legislative hearing on Internet gambling, sports gambling, and Internet Fantasy Sports gambling is scheduled for noon, **October 17**, in Springfield. Illinois casinos and racetracks support this expansion of gambling IF they can conduct the wagering at their facilities and web platforms.

### Candidates for Governor share their position on sports betting

#### **Pritzker wants gambling to pay for infrastructure AND higher education**

"Expanding gambling in Illinois could help pay for roads and bridges", J. B. Pritzker told the *Daily Herald* editorial board.

He went on to say:

To pay for it, Illinois Republican Senate Leader Bill Brady had an idea "worthy of us spending time on," Pritzker said. "That is, should we look at expanding gaming in the state or/and legalizing sports betting in the state as a source of revenue for an infrastructure bill?"

... Pritzker on Wednesday said: "The most important thing to me is we need a stable source of revenue, and Bill Brady has proposed an idea that I think is worth looking at. As a new governor in January, right away we've got to start exploring having an infrastructure bill in the first year. I want to get that in place ASAP." [Read more](#)

Rich Miller reported on *Capitol Fax*: "I'm also told that Pritzker wants to use marijuana and sports betting money to pay for it [higher education], but that's probably not gonna be enough, and he's already promised that money for other stuff." [Read more](#)

### **Rauner**

*Crain's Chicago Business* interviewed the governor ([watch the interview](#)), and *Capitol Fax* published this section about ways to raise revenue without raising taxes.

Rauner said, "There are two sources... of revenue that are not a direct tax hike: gaming and recreational marijuana. Okay, lets talk about those two.

Gaming is the more straightforward one. I don't gamble. I don't like gambling. I wish it didn't exist. It does. It's here. We got gaming. A lot of people like it. We're losing massive amounts of Illinois revenue to Indiana and Wisconsin and other states. That's a mistake. If a community wants to have more gaming I support it and we should give them local control. And generate some significant new revenue. And I am supportive of that." [Read more](#)

### ***For Immediate Action***

1. **Contact your State Representative, State Senate, and Legislative candidates** in your district **before you vote**, to ask their position on expanding gambling and legalizing Internet Sports gambling. Let them know you are opposed.
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