

Gambling: Getting Nothing from Something



Gambling Alert - August 17, 2018



If you live in or near Chicago, plan to attend the Legislative hearing on Wednesday, August 22 on SB 7, the massive gambling expansion bill, at 10:00 a.m. in room C-600 of the Michael Bilandic, 160 N. LaSalle.

Illinois Legislature to Hold Hearings on Gaming Expansion

It's expected that a main focus of the hearings will be internet gaming. . . . There's talk of building new casinos in Chicago and other locations, permitting racetracks to install electronic gaming devices, loosening the rules for video gaming terminals and enacting other measures to grow the instate gambling industry.

Rita's two gambling hearings will allow state leaders to lay the groundwork for 2019.

SB 7 would legalize sweepstakes machines, but does not require any regulation, oversight, or tax from the gambling machines. To learn more about sweepstakes machines, [Listen to this investigative report](#) about gambling on sweepstakes machines in a laundromat.

SB 7 would more than double the number of casinos and expand video gambling

Designed to deceive: How gambling distorts reality and hooks your brain

<http://www.wnem.com/story/38876109/designed-to-deceive-how-gambling-distorts-reality-and-hooks-your-brain>

Decatur man killed after refusing demand to share \$150 video poker jackpot
James said after he helped the man win money on the slot machine, he asked the man for \$20, which the man refused. [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

1. **Candidates for legislative office** are asking for your vote. Talk to them at public events. Tell them you are opposed to the expansion of gambling and Internet gambling, sports gambling. **Ask them to state their position on gambling.**
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