



Gambling Alert - Feb. 7, 2019



Legislators want a capitol construction bill to support projects in their district. However, part of the funding is expected to come from a massive expansion of casino gambling, Internet and Sports gambling. Gambling interests overestimate the amount of revenue and do not consider the costs. Gambling is an unstable source of revenue, and casino revenue is decreasing in Illinois.

Casino as government jackpot? Maybe not.

"Gambling expansion is understandably appealing to officials wishing to raise revenue without raising taxes, but the long-term revenue is uncertain and potential economic and social costs require careful consideration," the report said. [Read more](#)

State representative 'hopes' sports betting in Illinois ready for next NFL season

Rep. Zalewski believes the state is "under the gun to pass this quickly". He said there was an "impetus to do this sooner than later so that we don't fall behind" neighboring states. [Read more](#)

State of Rhode Island suffers LOSS from Sports betting on Super Bowl

The state's two legal sports gambling licenses lost \$2.3 million, when most people bet on the Patriots. . . . With **sports betting revenue falling short of the \$11.5 million projections**, General Assembly leaders are fast-tracking legislation to legalize mobile wagering in the state. [Read more](#)

Legalizing sports gambling will legalize Internet casino gambling

DraftKings expanded sports gambling in NJ to include Live Dealer casino games on its betting app. "Although only three states aside from New Jersey have approved online gambling, all three also have legal sports betting". [Read more](#)

IL Woman left 2 small children in car to gamble at video gambling parlor

Palos Hills police said an Orland Park woman was inside Rosie's Video Gaming Cafe gambling while her two young children, ages 1 and 3 months sat in car for over an hour. [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

1. **Contact** your State Representative and Senator in their Springfield offices (217-782-2000 Capitol Switchboard). Share the information in this Alert and ask them to OPPOSE legislation that expands gambling-more casinos, race track casinos, Internet gambling, Sports Gambling, Internet Lottery, etc.
2. **Share** this Alert with your faith community and ask them to Call and Pray.
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