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Illinois Gaming Board Seeks \$5 Million Fine Against Major Video Gambling Company Accel Entertainment

The complaint from state gambling regulators alleges the company entered into a deal with the online sports betting company DraftKings in order to pay commissions to business owners to entice them into putting Accel gambling machines in their establishments. It's illegal for video gambling operators to offer "inducements" to try and drum up or maintain video gambling business, and regulators allege the \$21,000 in commissions paid out by Accel violate the Illinois Gaming Act.

According to the complaint, as part of the deal between the betting companies, Accel would offer DraftKings advertising space on its video gambling screens, and then would get \$200 from each new customer it drove to the sports betting outfit, provided they met certain conditions. Accel would have the right to share those payments with the establishments - often bars or restaurants - where those video gambling machines were located.

The gaming board alleges that under the agreement Accel had complete control over the payments and planned to use them to curry favor with current and potential clients. [Read](#)

Edwardsville approves Video Gambling referendum

The City Council approved a resolution approving a non-binding referendum question about video gambling to appear on the April 6, 2021 ballot for Edwardsville residents.

The question will read - *Shall the City of Edwardsville allow video gambling in bars (Class B and C liquor licensees with more than 50 percent of revenue from on-premises alcoholic liquor consumption) in the city?* Yes or No [Read](#)

College Athletics Departments and Gambling Partnerships

The University of Colorado, Boulder, signed a five-year marketing partnership with PointsBet, an Australian company that runs an app and website for betting on games. **PointsBet gets to put up signs in Colorado's sports arenas and place media ads. The school gets about \$1.5 million.** [Read](#)

Thank you for your help in contacting Legislators, the Governor, and local officials.

Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year!

For Immediate Action

1. Send a card to the State Representative and Senate candidates who won elections in your district. Let them know you oppose gambling and ask them to oppose online gambling and all bills to expand gambling.
2. Share this Alert with your faith community.
3. Forward to 10 others.

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