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Gambling Alert - June 11, 2021



Lawmakers want betting on IL college sports teams

Senate Bill 521, originally filed by Sen. Antonio Munoz, D-Chicago, passed through the House and **is currently awaiting concurrence from the Senate**. The bill would amend previous laws and allow for Illinoisans to gamble on in-state schools but with restrictions. [Read](#)

NOTE: The House passed SB 521 at 1:19 a.m. on June 1st and sent the bill to the Senate. The Senate did not vote on these changes, but could do so when the session resumes on June 15th.

WNBA Strikes Gambling Partnership

PointsBet's app will now begin offering betting on Women's professional basketball games. [Read](#)

NOTE: WNBA team Chicago Sky would be allowed to have sports gambling in their smaller venue if SB 521 is passed in the Senate.

Internet Instant Lottery (SB 2342) was heard in Senate Executive on May 30, but not called for a vote on the floor. **The deadline for the Senate to vote on SB 2342 was extended to June 15th.**

The private manager of the Illinois Lottery is pushing for this massive gambling expansion. **Scratch-off tickets account for 2/3 of Lottery sales.** Putting instant tickets on the Internet is like playing games on phones, with a "Play Again" button that pops up.

The Lottery simplified online registration during the pandemic, added Apple and Google Pay, and used web-push notifications/nudges on phones to lure gamblers. Anyone 18 and older could "scratch" tickets for hours and lose a great deal of money. **Both the Senate and House could vote on**

SB 2342 when then come back in session next week!

Rockford Hard Rock Casino

Hard Rock Casino Rockford took a major step forward Wednesday when the Illinois Gaming Board said it could seek construction approvals, accepted a list of 51 investors including three executives and granted a supplier license to the casino's landlord.

815 Beltway Holdings is the group led by chief investor Dan Fischer, owner of Dotty's gambling café chain, which originally bought the permanent casino location. . . . Fischer's group exercised lease and ownership agreement clauses that allowed it to take possession of the temporary casino property after Joseph Castrogiovanni was found **unsuitable for a supplier's license**. **Read**

For Immediate Action

1. Contact your **State Senator** and **Representative** and ask them to Vote NO on SB 521 (gambling on IL college sports) and SB 2342 (purchasing Instant Lottery tickets online). *Capitol Switchboard operator:*
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