



## Gambling Alert - Feb. 19, 2021



### **IL Sports Gambling companies want to expand**

Firstly, Gov. JB Pritzker's executive order allowing remote signups again is set to expire March 6. Pritzker is expected to keep extending that, but operators would feel more secure with a permanent law change.

Also, the industry is behind House Bill 0849, which would end the ban on betting on in-state college teams. [Read](#)

### **Boyd Gaming begins rollout of 'digital wallet' cashless option**

BoydPay, created with Aristocrat Technologies, links to loyalty program cards and can be used to play or cash out on slot machines. Boyd, owner of a casino in East Peoria, says it plans to expand the program to all of its properties this summer, pending regulatory approval.

Executives **hope to also link BoydPay link to the company's mobile app, letting guests use their phones to gamble** and pay for amenities (meals, hotel rooms, etc.). [Read more](#)

### **Rivers Casino unveils expansion plans**

The Rivers Casino has filed expansion plans with the city of Des Plaines and the Illinois Gaming Board that, if approved, will allow the casino to add approximately 725 gaming positions, making it the first Illinois casino to have the state's maximum number of 2,000 positions.

Initially, the expansion plan calls for the addition of 260 table game positions (a 70 percent increase) and will add 439 slot game positions (a 48 percent increase). [Read more.](#)

### *For Immediate Action*

1. Contact your [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#) and ask them to **Oppose and vote No on [HB 849](#)** to expand sports gambling for betting on Illinois college

- games (basketball, football, etc.) and athletes.
2. Share this Alert with your faith community.
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