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## Gambling Action Alert - January 28, 2022



### Gambling Alert

#### Illinois Gaming Board meeting Jan 27, 2022

The Illinois Gaming Board unanimously approved a Management Services Provider license to BetMGM on Thursday, moving it a large step closer to being the seventh mobile sports betting operator in the state.

FanDuel transferred its license in November to Fairmount Park, which it rebranded FanDuel Sportsbook and Horse Racing and opened a retail sportsbook there in March as part of plans for converting the horse racing track into a racino. FanDuel's transfer of the license allowed Par-A-Dice to again be available as a tether for a mobile operator.

The IGB also approved a casino owner's license for 815 Entertainment, which is doing business as Hard Rock Northern Illinois in Rockford.

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#### Campaign Donations from gaming interests

**State Rep. Bob Rita** chairman of the House Executive Committee & sponsor of major gambling bills received donations from; Rivers Casino, Caesars Entertainment, Truck Stop Casinos, Illinois Gaming Machine Operators Association, and Accel Entertainment. [Read](#)

#### Illinois Bettors Spend Big Money At Video Gaming

## **Machines**

According to figures released by the Illinois State Gaming Board, over **\$2.6 billion** was wagered on VGTs in December. The number of properties with VGT's increased from 7,283 **to 7,841** by December. In addition, the number of active machines also increased 12.6% to **41,826**. By comparison, the \$717 million in tax revenue from VGTs was more than the **combined** \$643.7 million collected by Pennsylvania, Michigan, and New Jersey's online casino operations through the first 11 months of the year.

Illinois' 11 casinos reported revenue totaling \$109.8 million for December and nearly \$1.2 billion for the year.

In December, the state gaming board also approved two more casinos in Waukegan and Homewood/East Hazel Crest. [Read](#)

## **Robbery at Hollywood Casino Joliet**

Bail was set at \$75,000 over the weekend for a 22-year-old Plainfield area man who robbed a woman in the Hollywood Casino parking lot, according to Joliet police. [Read](#)

## **Senator compares Missouri purveyor of slot machine-style games to illegal drug dealer**

A state senator on Thursday compared one Wildwood-based company to an illegal drug dealer, calling the argument its video gaming devices aren't games of chance "loose and fictitious." [Read](#)

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