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Gambling Alert - June 17, 2021



Senate takes NO vote on SB 521 or SB 2342

The [Senate did not vote on SB 521](#) to bet on Illinois College Sports Teams. Instead, the Senate amended and passed an insurance bill (HB 2947) to legalize raffles and poker runs for fire protection agencies. This raffle language was included in SB 521, which Rep. Rita amended to expand college sports gambling, video gambling, and horse racing.

The Internet Instant Lottery ticket bill was not called for a vote.

Thank you to all who called/contacted your Senators to oppose the gambling expansion bills. **The Senate and House adjourned, but could be called back in session.**

Gambling bills could also come up for a vote in the **Fall Veto Session**, scheduled for **October 19-21 and October 26-29.**

Bids in for sale of Arlington Park

The only bidding group to publicize their proposal says they'd turn Arlington into a racino "consistent with the intent" of the state's gambling expansion — and keep the ponies running well into the future. The group led by Arnold, a hospitality consultant who served as president of Arlington from 2006-11, also includes the Loop development firm Sterling Bay and other "high net worth individuals," he said. [Read](#)

Tinley Park OKs 1-cent tax on video gambling - 2022

The tax would fall on gamblers, but the owners of the machines, which are companies separate from the restaurant or bar where the devices are located, would be put in the position of tax collectors.

It's not clear how much the new 1-cent tax would generate, and, under the ordinance, revenue generated would be used to "promote the general health, safety and welfare" of the village and "provide adequate funds to offset the adverse effects of gambling within the village." **Read**

NOTE: Language to prohibit a "push" tax was included in SB 521.

Walkers Bluff casino moves closer to reality

The Illinois Gaming Board voted to grant a determination of "preliminary suitability" for the project, **a crucial step forward in the licensing process.**

A project-labor agreement is a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement between a contractor and building trade unions that covers all terms and conditions of employment on a specific project.

Perhaps hoping to nudge negotiations along, **state lawmakers approved legislation last month requiring that all casino applicants enter into a PLA when seeking a new or renewed license.** It was signed by Gov. JB Pritzker on Thursday. **Read**

Column: Waukegan casino proposal remains on hold as gaming addiction worries surface

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, , , They don't understand the odds are against them when they walk in the door of a casino. **The house always wins, and for addictive gamblers, their houses could be at stake.** **Read**

Casino would siphon cash from our community

A casino does not create a single dollar of new value. It simply shuffles existing wealth from one set of hands to another.

This is not the helpful path it claims to be. It is not free money for the community; it is money *from* the community, and it comes at a cost. The cost is making the success of our economy dependent on persuading people to make economic decisions they cannot afford, while tearing away business from our own local entrepreneurs and producers. **Read**

YouTube to ban some gambling ads

YouTube will stop accepting ads for its masthead for gambling. This highly visible

rectangle across the top of the homepage, is often the platform's most expensive and sought-after ad unit. Beginning Monday, ads that feature any gambling-related content offline or online, including sports betting and casino games, will be banned. [Read](#)

For Immediate Action

1. During the summer, visit your [State Representative](#) or [Senator](#) in their District offices or talk with them at community events. Let them know of your opposition to Internet casinos, Internet Instant (scratch-off) tickets, Keno, and betting on Illinois college sports teams.
2. Share this Alert with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
3. Forward to 10 others.

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