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Gambling Alert - March 25, 2021



Important General Election - April 6

Bolingbrook, Edwardsville and Norridge have video gambling referendum on the April 6th ballot, and there could be others.

Other communities that banned video gambling now have long-time mayors and councilmen who are not running for re-election. Some of the candidates running for these offices want to overturn the ban and allow video gambling. **Ask local candidates their position on video gambling before casting your vote!**

South Suburban Casino

Four out-of-state tribes have applied for a license to open a casino in the South Suburbs of Chicago. State Representative Anthony DeLuca, D-Chicago Heights, wants the Illinois Gaming Board to move forward on a casino for the area.

Once a site is selected and a south suburban casino is up and running, the host community will keep 2% of monthly adjusted gross receipts and an additional 3% will be divided among 42 other towns. **Read more**

Loophole in Sports Gambling law allows residents to bet on IL college sports

The newspaper reports that when the pandemic hit, Illinois waived the in-person requirement to register with sportsbooks. It meant that bettors can turn to online sportsbooks such as FanDuel and DraftKings — both of which look for where the bettor is and not where the bettor lives.

That means, all the bettors have to do is drive across state lines to, say Indianapolis, to put money down on one of the Illinois teams' games. **Read**

IL Racing Board member upset over sale of Arlington Park

“The facts here are clear: on its current trajectory, [Churchill Downs] intends to shut down for good what is generally viewed as the most beautiful racing facility in the country, produce massive collateral damage across the thoroughbred and standardbred industry statewide, and continue to generate a rising tide of the ill

will among horse players nationwide,” Henry said. “That is a really bad look when the foundation of your brand is horse racing.” [Read](#)

Gambling among adolescents: An emerging public health problem

The U.K., where online gambling has been legal in 2005, has conducted studies about the impact of gambling on children and teens. In 2019, 7 percent of children, ages 11-16, reported gambling online. Almost half of the online gambling activity in this age group now takes place through mobile apps on their smartphones. [Read](#)

Alcohol to Gambling - Women have turned to harmful vices during lockdown [Read](#)

For Immediate Action

1. Ask local candidates for Mayor/City Council their position on video gambling before casting your vote on April 6.
2. Contact your State Representative and ask him/her to OPPOSE the legalization of online gambling (HB 3142) and other bills to expand gambling.
3. Share this Alert with your faith community.
4. Forward to 10 others.

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