



Gambling Alert - March 5, 2021



Gambling expansion bills - Internet casinos, Sports gambling, Lottery

Both a House Bill ([HB 3142](#)) and a Senate Bill ([SB2064](#)) would allow existing casinos and racetracks to offer online casinos.

Castro and Rita again teamed up with their respective filings of [SB 2070](#) and [HB 2360](#). They call for a maximum promotional tax credit allowance of 20% against adjusted gross revenue on a monthly basis for casinos and sports wagering companies.

[SB 2276](#) addresses sports gambling with the Lottery. Sen. Stadelman proposed changing the timeline so that "lottery terminals may be placed in no more than 2,500 Lottery retail locations in the State in any one given year of the Lottery sports wagering pilot program" and that "the total number of retail locations of the Lottery sports wagering pilot program shall not exceed 5,000 after initial implementation of the Lottery sports wagering pilot program."

Rep. Mike Zalewski filed [HB 0849](#), which would end the college carveout that prohibits bettors in the state from wagering on college events involving Illinois schools. [Read more](#)

FanDuel Accused of Delaying App Scores to Entice Losing Bets

"While purporting to provide its customers with real-time, live sports game data, FanDuel regularly understates the time remaining in live sporting events to induce its customers to make wagers they are more likely to lose" than if they were being provided accurate, real-time information, the complaint alleges.

The proposed class action, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, alleges the online gambling company engages in unfair and deceptive trade practices. The complaint alleges violations of various states' consumer protection laws. [Read](#)

Guest Column - Everything I needed to learn about video gambling I learned at the Arcade

Video gambling offers minimal revenue and exposes our citizens and the good

reputation of our city to real harm. And there is another group that has followed the money and the potential trail of pain and exploitation; the pastors of Geneseo.

Gambling is exploitative; it's wrong! So, I urge you to email or call your aldermen. I plead with you to **show up on March 9th at 6 pm at Geneseo City Hall (115 S. Oakwood Ave) to share your concerns with the council. And if you can't do that, email our City Administrator and Mayor Johnson and ask them to read your comments during the Public Comments.** [Read more](#)

Mayor breaks tie to overturn Ban on Video Gambling in Geneseo

Keith Kennett (3rd Ward) went on the record that he had voted against gaming twice before, and planned to do so again. "180 other municipalities in Illinois voted not to allow gaming, so Geneseo is not alone. There is no argument for it, outside of the financial aspect." [Read](#)

Cook County Board temporarily reduces Video gambling fees

For the rest of the year, applications for video gambling licenses will cost \$250 instead of \$500, while the per terminal fee that operators pay will drop from \$1,000 each to \$500. **The fee reductions would cost the county about \$74,500**, officials said.

Current liquor licenses in unincorporated Cook County will be extended by two months until June 30, while beer garden licenses will last until the end of the year. After that, fees for licenses issued for the 2021 to 2022 period will be slashed from \$3,000 to \$2,000 for retail liquor and \$750 to \$300 for beer gardens. **The loss for the county will be around \$79,500**, officials said. [Read](#)

For Immediate Action

1. Contact your [State Representative](#) and ask him/her to oppose and Vote NO on HB 3142, HB 2360, HB 849 and other bills that expand gambling.
2. Contact your [State Senator](#) and ask him/her to oppose and vote NO on SB 2064, SB 2970, SB 2276, and all other bills that expand gambling.
3. Share this Alert with your faith community.
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