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SPORTS BETTING IN ILLINOIS ADDING UP AT \$156 A SECOND

Illinois is considered one of the nation's top four sports betting markets, with gamblers plunking down an average of **\$156 every second**. And it just got easier for more residents to get in on the action, as a tweak to state gambling law took effect Saturday allowing people to sign up for sports betting accounts on their phones instead of driving to a casino or racetrack. When Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the law introducing Illinois sports betting in 2019, potential gamblers were required to sign up at brick-and-mortar casino sportsbooks, which could then offer the types of mobile betting applications where more than 95% of bets are placed. That so-called "penalty box" period for the online giants was supposed to last for 18 months until they could snag a state gambling license — but both companies skated through a loophole out of the box within six months of Illinois' sports betting launch on March 9, 2020. [Read](#)

Calvin Ridley suspended for the 2022 season after the Atlanta Falcons receiver bet on NFL games last year

ATLANTA — Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Calvin Ridley has been suspended for the 2022 season for betting on NFL games in 2021. The suspension announced by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell on Monday is for activity that took place while Ridley was away from the team addressing mental health concerns. The league says the suspension will

carry “through at least the conclusion of the 2022 season.” [Read](#)

March is nationally recognized as Problem Gambling Awareness Month (PGAM).

What is problem gambling? Problem gambling is when a person experiences negative life consequences that are directly related to their gambling. Who can be impacted by problem gambling? People of all ages can develop problems with gambling. According to the Oregon Health Authority, it is estimated that 180,000 Oregonians are at risk of developing a problem with gambling, and an estimated 84,000 Oregon adults and adolescents who meet the clinical diagnosis of a gambling disorder. [Read](#)

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