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Gambling Alert - May 31, 2021



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This bill allows video gambling in Chicago and Cook County in Fraternal and Veterans groups that are chartered with a national organization. Many precincts in Chicago are "dry" and do not allow alcohol sales. SB521 would allow these licenses not to serve alcohol.

Allows betting on IL College sports teams.

Denial of Home Rule for video gambling. Maximum fee of \$250 per machine for local communities to charge for video gambling after bill passes.

- A new racetrack in Cook County that gives the Illinois Racing Board 21 days to examine an application. The IRB may reject or advise the applicant of deficiencies and require the submission of an amended application. If found compliant, the Board SHALL issue a license. The Governor had to step in and stop the sale of the proposed site for a racetrack in Tinley Park after the IRB rushed the process of approval for a new racetrack, after legislation was passed in 2019. The Legislature should not dictate such short timeframes.

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