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Gambling Action Alert - November 18, 2021



Waukegan casino vote postponed

Illinois gambling regulators have postponed their vote on a long-sought Waukegan casino after a rejected bidder alleges the northern suburb's former mayor and other officials "rigged" the selection process to favor a former Democratic lawmaker moved to block the state from taking action.

At a Cook County Circuit Court hearing Wednesday over the Potawatomi group's effort to block a decision, a state lawyer said the board plans to hold off on a vote until after a federal court mediation between the city and Potawatomi scheduled for later this month. [Read Related](#)

Editorial: By backing stadium sports gambling, is Mayor gambling with Chicago casino bid?

Instead of rushing through an ordinance by December, Lightfoot should push back from the table, let the casino proposal develop — and put stadium sports betting on the back burner. [Read more](#)

Bally's submits two bids for Chicago casino – Ald. King says not in her ward! [Read](#)

Contenders for a south suburban casino [Watch](#)

East Hazel Crest/Homewood and the village of Matteson

Rockford temporary Hard Rock Casino opens

The temporary casino will be open for up to two years while the permanent location is being built at the former Clock Tower, near the I-90 exit/entrance ramp. [Read](#)

[Legislators should protect children - oppose online gambling](#) [Letter supporting legalization of online gambling](#)

Woman sues over online slot game payout

New Jersey regulators revealed that 14 gamblers, including Lisa Piluso of Yardley, PA, have filed the same complaint against the company, saying they were told they won far more than the manufacturer says they were actually entitled to.

“I’m an experienced online player, and I was shocked when AGS officials, including the company president, told me they weren’t going to pay, even when I showed them the screenshot that I made of the \$100,000 jackpot.” [Read](#)

Vote On Video Gambling Tabled In Downers Grove

Illinois enacted the Video Gaming Act in 2009. Since then, Downers Grove has opted not to allow video gaming within its premises.

Residents need to voice concerns. *Do you think Downers Grove should permit video gambling? Why or why not?* [Read more](#)

Niles, Morton Grove make last-minute push to approve video gambling tax

During meetings held on Sunday, Oct. 31, elected officials of both communities met to approve a “push tax” of one cent per play on all approved gambling terminals within their municipal borders.

According to the Illinois Municipal League, home-rule communities had until the end of the day on Oct. 31 to pass a push tax and be “grandfathered in” before the bill took effect on Nov. 1. [Read](#)

For Immediate Action

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