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## Gambling Action Alert - October 20, 2021



### **Veto Session Update**

The House and Senate have both adjourned and have canceled the session on Thursday. Legislators will return to Springfield on October 26-28 for the final week of Veto Session. Gambling expansion bill SB 521 could be called for a vote next week.

### **Gaming regulators drop Calumet City, Lynwood bids for south suburban casino license**

The Illinois Gaming Board voted 4-0 to reject bids by Southland Live, which proposed using a portion of the River Oaks shopping center in Calumet City, and from the Ho-Chunk Nation to develop land the tribe owns in Lynwood.

**Homewood and East Hazel Crest are partnering with Wind Creek Hospitality** for a 64,000-square-foot casino on a 24-acre site southwest off the interchange of Interstate 80 and Halsted Street.

**Matteson's partners include Oklahoma's Choctaw Nation**, with plans for a casino on the former Lincoln Mall property, southeast of U.S. 30 and Cicero Avenue. [Read more](#)

### **Homewood and Matteson are the finalists in battle to build Illinois' next casino**

The Southland Regional Mayoral Black Caucus has sent a letter to the Illinois Gaming Board supporting the Matteson casino. [Read](#)

**The Gaming Board will hold another hearing on the South Suburb and Waukegan casinos on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 8:00 a.m.**

## **Schaumburg, Hanover Park pursuing “Push tax” on video gambling machines**

Schaumburg officials Monday recommended following the lead of Hanover Park and Joliet in trying to stay ahead of pending state legislation that may limit their ability to impose an additional tax on video gambling machines and maybe triple the tax revenue from them. . . . Waukegan and Oak Lawn were among municipalities that came up with the idea earlier this year, an idea that was swiftly followed by lawsuits from video gambling operators and a bill (**SB 521**) still pending in the Illinois Senate that seeks to set a retroactive deadline for more municipalities to create such taxes.

. . . More perplexing to him, said Hanover Park Village President Rod Craig, was **why fellow government representatives wouldn't want the gambling machines that are generating money for others to further assist the communities in which they've been approved.** [Read more](#)

### ***--For Immediate Action***

- Contact your [State Senator](#), if you have not done so, and ask him/her to Oppose SB 521.\*
- Share this Alert with your faith community and PRAY.
- Forward to 10 others.

### **Talking Points to Oppose SB 521:**

- **SB 521 expands sports gambling by allowing betting on ALL Illinois college sports and** allows sports gambling licenses for another, smaller venue (Chicago Sky).
- **SB 521 allows nationally recognized veterans and fraternal organizations to apply for a video gambling license without having a liquor license.** These organizations could operate video gambling in “dry” communities that do not allow the sale of alcohol and in cities or counties that “opted out” of video gambling. Chicago and Cook County are exempt.
- Limits to \$250 the amount a home rule municipality can charge per video gambling machine. Municipalities could no longer charge a “push-tax” on video gambling.

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