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## Gambling Alert - April 25, 2023



### Oppose [HB 4041](#)

#### **Bill Would Allow Online Betting On In-State Teams In Illinois**

New legislation filed last week in Springfield aims to amend a law currently prohibiting betting on Illinois college teams through online sportsbooks in the state.

Representative Jonathan Carroll introduced **HB4041** in the house on April 20. The bill would allow an **Illinois online sportsbook** to “accept a wager for a sports event involving an Illinois collegiate team if the wager is a tier 1 wager and the wager is not related to an individual athlete’s performance.”

It is currently legal to bet in the Prairie State on Illinois collegiate teams, but only if one does so in person at a retail sportsbook.

Since about 94% of sports bets **are made online in Illinois**, that has proven to be a strict restriction on those that want to be on in-state teams. In fact, when both the University of Illinois and Northwestern University qualified for the NCAA men’s basketball tournament, **Illinois sports bettors were forced to go to a retail sportsbook** to bet on the Wildcats and Fighting Illini.

## **Not much time for bill to gain traction**

So far, **HB4041** has only been filed with the house clerk. Since the current session of the Illinois General Assembly ends on May 31, that doesn't give the bill a lot of time to gain traction. [READ](#)

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