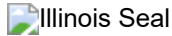


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Special Notice

The Illinois Gaming Board meeting scheduled for March 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Bilandic Building in Chicago has been canceled. More information regarding rescheduling will be forthcoming.

The Illinois Gaming Board has suspended all video gaming operations at all licensed video gaming establishments and suspended gambling operations at all casinos until March 30, 2020 due to COVID-19. The Board is continuously monitoring developments in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis and will update licensees and the public as warranted.

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The Riverboat Gambling Act was enacted in February 1990, making Illinois the second state in the nation to legalize riverboat gambling. In September 1991, the first riverboat casino began operation in Alton. Currently, there are ten casinos operating throughout the State of Illinois.

The Video Gaming Act was enacted in July 2009, authorizing the placement of up to five Video Gaming Terminals (VGTs) in licensed Retail Establishments, Truck Stops, Veteran and Fraternal Establishments. The VGTs are all connected to and monitored by a Central Communications System.

Governor Pritzker signed the Illinois Gambling Act into law on June 28, 2019. The Act makes significant changes to gaming law in Illinois. The Illinois Gaming Board is working through these changes and on implementation of the Act. We will share information on the IGB website as the information becomes available. Please check back regularly for updates.

The Illinois Gaming Board is a five-member board, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Through the Administrator and staff, the Board administers a regulatory and tax collection system for riverboat casino gambling and video gaming in Illinois.

The Board assures the integrity of gambling and gaming in Illinois through regulatory oversight of riverboat and casino gambling, video gaming, and sports wagering in the State.

Press Releases

[Gaming Board announces extension of suspension for all licensed video gaming operations and casino operations \(posted 03/20/2020\)](#)

[IGB announces suspension of video gaming due to COVID-19 \(posted 03/16/2020\)](#)

[IGB announces closure of casinos due to COVID-19 \(posted 03/14/2020\)](#)

[Gaming Board Releases Phase 2 Sports Wagering Rules \(posted 01/23/2020\)](#)

[Gaming Board Releases Phase 1 Sports Wagering Rules and Applications \(posted 12/19/2019\)](#)

[Illinois Gaming Board and Illinois State Police announce Theft and Forgery arrest \(posted 10/29/2019\)](#)

[Gaming Board Strengthens Ethics Provisions For Casino License Selection Process \(posted 09/06/2019\)](#)

[Illinois Gaming Board Seeks Public and Industry Comment on Recently Enacted Sports Wagering Act \(posted 08/27/2019\)](#)

[Union Gaming Feasibility Study \(posted 08/13/2019\)](#)

[Governor Pritzker Makes Gaming Board Appointments \(posted 07/29/2019\)](#)

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