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SESSION STATUS

At 12:01 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023 the House briefly met in non-voting session and now stands adjourned until Monday, April 24, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

At 1:14 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2023 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, April 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

April 24-26
May 1-3, 2-24
June 5-7, 12-14, 20-22, 26-30

Senate

April 24-26
May 1-3, 8-10
June 5-7, 19-23, 26-30

Around the Rotunda

PLS coverage of Capitol events including press conferences, bill signings and media availabilities

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

Comprehensive coverage of the House & Senate public hearings and voting meetings

No Committee News this week.

Bullet.in.Points

No Bullet.in.Points this week.

Gaming Revenue

[GAMING REVENUE: SLOTS REVENUE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23](#)

Please click [here](#) or the link above to view the monthly slot machine gaming revenue, including the latest revenue figures from February 2023.

[GAMING REVENUE: TABLE GAMES REVENUE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23](#)

Please click [here](#) or the link above to view the monthly table game report, including the latest revenue figures from February 2023.

[GAMING REVENUE: FANTASY CONTEST REVENUE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23](#)

Please click [here](#) or the link above to view the monthly fantasy contest report, including the latest revenue figures from February 2023.

[GAMING REVENUE: SPORTS WAGERING REVENUE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23](#)

Please click [here](#) or the link above to view the monthly sports wagering report, including the latest revenue figures from February 2023.

[GAMING REVENUE: INTERACTIVE GAMING REVENUE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23](#)

Please click [here](#) or the link above to view the monthly interactive gaming report, including the latest revenue figures from February 2023.

[GAMING REVENUE: VIDEO GAME TERMINAL REVENUE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23](#)

Please click [here](#) or the link above to view the monthly video gaming terminal report, including the latest revenue figures from February 2023.

Cosponsor Memos

No Cosponsor Memos this week.

Bill Actions

No Bill Actions this week.

Upcoming Events

PA Liquor Control Board

April 19, 2023 - 11:00 a.m. - Northwest Office Building, Room 117, 910 Capitol St., Harrisburg
Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-8896

Pennsylvania Advisory Council on Substance Use (DDAP)

April 20, 2023 - 1:00 p.m. - One Penn Center, 2601 N. 3rd St., 5th Fl., Conf. Rm. B, Harrisburg
Council Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-9916

PLS Advisory

[Hollywood Casino fined for allowing self-excluded to bet online](#)

The company that operates Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse was fined \$45,000 for allowing five people who were enrolled in the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's (PGCB) iGaming Self-Exclusion Program to participate in online gambling, according to a WPMT [article](#).

The PGCB said online casinos must refuse wagers from and deny gaming privileges and benefits to anyone who has placed themselves on the iGaming Self-Exclusion List. Self-exclusion allows a person to request to be excluded from legalized gaming activities within a casino and offsite venues, online, at video gaming terminal (VGT) establishments or on fantasy contests, the PGCB said. Those who enroll in self-exclusion are prohibited from collecting any winnings, recovering any losses, accepting complimentary gifts or services or any other thing of value from a licensee or operator.

Two other Pennsylvania casino operators were fined \$7,500 each for violating PGCB online gaming rules, the agency said.

[Survey reveals a third of online gamblers in Pennsylvania feel they have a problem with their gambling](#)

A new survey shows that one in three Pennsylvanians who gamble online feel their gambling habits are a problem, according to the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#).

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that state officials say more people in their 20s and 30s in the commonwealth are seeking help for gambling problems. In 2022, [about 11 percent of Pennsylvanians had gambled online](#) and sports betting was the most popular form of online gambling, followed by online slots and online fantasy sports.

Ellen DiDomenico, the deputy secretary of the state Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP), said online gambling is a significant and growing business in the state, generating \$1.2 billion in yearly profits between the 14 websites approved to run gambling operations. In turn, some of the tax revenue funds gambling addiction treatment and prevention programs. Additionally, state grants pay for several licensed counselors to treat underinsured or uninsured people addicted to gambling.

Josh Ercole, the executive director of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of Pennsylvania, explained the number of people looking for help for gambling issues grew since online gambling became available to Pennsylvanians in 2019. He asserted the 1-800-GAMBLER state hotline, ran by the council, fielded 2,621 calls in 2022 which more than doubled the 2019 number. As for demographics, 25 to 34-year-olds are the most frequent callers in recent years compared to 2019 when most of the hotline callers were 35 to 55 years old.

"We suspect there are more problems because there's more types of games, and more people playing them," Ercole said.

Three Pennsylvania casino operators were [recently](#) fined for violating the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's (PGCB) iGaming Self-Exclusion Program by allowing people who were enrolled to be online.

That being said, about a quarter of people who gambled online said they had tried to cut down, control or stop their gambling in the last year. About 10 percent of online gamblers stated they either gambled longer, with more money or more frequently than they wanted to or needed to gamble with more money to feel the same excitement they had when they began gambling. Just over 5 percent said they had been "preoccupied" with gaming or gambling. None of the respondents reported borrowing money or selling possessions to gamble, per the Philadelphia Inquirer.

This comes at a time when iGaming content continues to expand in Pennsylvania.

[PR Newswire](#) reported yesterday that Inspired Entertainment, Inc., a leading B2B provider of gaming content, systems and solutions, announced it has launched its iGaming content with Caesars Sportsbook & Casino in Pennsylvania.

Brooks Pierce, President and Chief Executive Officer of Inspired, said, “We are thrilled to partner with Caesars Sportsbook & Casino to deliver premium iGaming content to its players in Pennsylvania.” She continued, “This partnership builds on the success we’ve seen throughout the state with our other partners, as well as in both New Jersey and Michigan, and we are excited to offer the player-favorite themes Big Spin Bonus, Big Bonus, Big Fishing Fortune, and Gold Cash Free Spins to the Caesars player base. It is a pleasure to work with the Caesars Sportsbook & Casino team, and we congratulate them on this exciting launch.”

Matthew Sunderland, Senior Vice President of iGaming at Caesars Digital, echoed Pierce’s excitement for the partnership. He said, “Our key focus is delivering players the best titles on our iGaming platform, and we’re proud to work with Inspired to elevate our iGaming platform in this important market.”

PGCB reports February’s revenue

With February’s reports from the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) released Thursday, March 30, the PGCB reported a [22 percent increase](#) in overall gaming revenue since 2022.

According to PGCB, the combined total revenue generated was \$456,838,518 in February 2023.

Hollywood Casino at Penn Nation reported the highest total revenue of \$72,567,559 with fantasy contests reporting the lowest at \$1,32,936.

In February 2023, PGCB reported the following for each game type:

- \$202,822,213 for retail slot revenue,
- \$92,830,999 for iGaming slot revenue,
- \$74,505,042 for retail tables revenue,
- \$43,230,177 for sports wagering revenue,
- \$36,138,419 for iGaming tables revenue,
- \$3,313,019 for video gaming terminals revenue,
- \$2,655,713 for iGaming poker revenue and
- \$1,342,936 for fantasy contests revenue.

From February 2022 to February 2023, sports wagering increased the most by 9861.87 percent. In contrast, fantasy contests revenue saw the largest decrease by 16.34 percent.

In the News

04-04-2023 [Bon Jersey Performing Free Show at Rivers Casino Philadelphia](#)
(Press Release)

04-03-2023 [Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Grant Recipients to Mark National Alcohol...](#)
(Press Release)

03-31-2023 [Rivers Casino Philadelphia Announces April Promotions and Entertainment](#)
(Press Release)

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