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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT



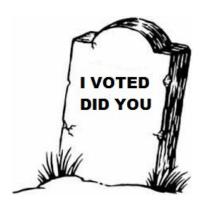
Both the PA Senate and PA House approved the major expansion of legal gambling in Pennsylvania

Almost four months overdue, the General Assembly finally appears to be close to bringing closure to the 2017-18 state budget impasse using gambling expansion to help close a portion of the budget deficit. It will now be up to Governor Wolf to sign it into law.

Details of the new gambling bill (As explained in the Patriot News©):

- Satellite casinos Permits up to 10 new satellite casinos, with licenses awarded through a series of auctions open to the operators of the existing racetrack and freestanding casinos. Successful bidders would win the right to claim a location, from which they would have to build a casino within a 15-mile radius. No casinos, however, could be located within 25 miles of an existing casino operated by a competitor. The satellite casinos would be permitted to operate between 300 and 750 slot machines, plus up to 30 table games. That's about one-third to one-fourth the size of the typical existing casino in Pennsylvania. The new facilities will bring new construction investment into the state, create jobs and permit more localities to benefit from local shares paid to host communities. A portion of the slots proceeds from the satellites will go to school property tax relief, just as with the existing casinos, while the table game taxes will go into the general fund.
- Online gaming Pennsylvania would become the fourth state in the nation to legalize online poker and other
 games, from platforms operated by Pennsylvania's existing commercial casinos. The games would be
 available on any online device in the state, to players who can pass age-verification technology. Each
 licensee would have the ability to offer slots-style games, poker, other table games, or all of the above. The
 games would be taxed at the same rate as the casinos pay for live play at their physical locations, with a
 portion of slots revenue earmarked for property taxes and the other i-games taxes going to the general
 fund.
- Additional provisions the bill also contains a variety of smaller and less-controversial provisions, including state licensing and regulation of commercial fantasy sports businesses; permitting the Pennsylvania Lottery to sell numbers game tickets and new online instant games via the Internet; and allowing gaming tablets at

passenger-access zones in commercial airports that serve at least 50,000 passengers per year. In a potential boon to owners of bars and taverns, the bill contains a provision removing a provision barring the Pennsylvania Lottery from offering Keno games - a drawing game often played at taverns in other states. It also carries an advance authorization to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to issue certificates to instate casino operators to permit betting on live sports events in the event that federal courts or the Congress overturn existing prohibitions.



SO MUCH FOR ALL THE HOOPLA SURROUNDING MASSIVE VOTER FRAUD IN PA

Pa. finds 544 ballots that might have been cast illegally over 18 years

October 26, 2017 Patriot News© Full Article: http://www.pennlive.com/news/2017/10/pa finds 544 ballots that migh.html

An article by Marc Levy The Associated Press that appeared in the Patriot News© stated that noncitizen immigrants may have cast 544 ballots illegally out of more than 93 million ballots in elections spanning 18 years in Pennsylvania, state election officials said Wednesday.

A Department of State official, Jonathan Marks, told the House State Government Committee that the agency's analysis covered 35 primary and general elections from 2000 through 2017. The number of possibly illegal ballots comes to **one in every 172,000**.

The illegal ballots were apparently cast by noncitizen immigrants who later reported themselves as having mistakenly registered, the department said. The

figure could drop as the department continues to analyze information it gets from counties, a spokeswoman said later.

The state has previously acknowledged that noncitizen immigrants can inadvertently register to vote because of a glitch in the design of Pennsylvania's electronic driver's licensing system. That glitch has existed since the start of the state's motor voter system, Marks said, which was first authorized in 1995.

The glitch should be completely fixed within several months, Marks said. He noted that other states have had similar issues with noncitizen immigrants registering to vote.

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