



Atlantic City Information

Golden Nugget launches 13th New Jersey online sportsbook - As reported by **OnlinePokerReport**, the Golden Nugget launched a new digital sportsbook on February 19. The sportsbook, integrated with th in the state.

New Jersey is the first state to take legal bets on the Academy Awards - As reported by **Las Vegas Review Journal** and **Legal Sports Report**,

the Academy Awards. The New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) approved pre-event tell if New Jersey and other states with legal sports wagering will further diversify their offerings by taking bets on other public events.

OddsShark.com banned from doing business in New Jersey- As reported by **NJ Online Gambling**, New Jersey residents have been denied access to sports betting website OddsShark.com. The site, which promoted authorized New Jersey online gaming and sports betting websites, also listed at least three unauthorized internet gaming and sports betting sites.

has therefore banned the site from the state on the grounds it promotes illegal gambling. The ban is part of a broader initiative to shutdown offshore gambling sites targeting the New Jersey market.

Standalone sports betting complex in the works

Indiana Senate passes comprehensive gaming bill- As reported by [Legal Sports Report](#), the Indiana Senate voted 38-11 to pass a gaming bill (**S 552**) which includes the legalization of mobile and land-based sports betting in the state. The bill, which bans betting on e-sports and allows the state to restrict betting types, will now be considered by the Indiana House of Representatives.

Kentucky legislators advance bill legalizing online poker, daily fantasy sports, and sports betting- As reported by [OnlinePokerReport](#) Licensing and Occupations Committee voted on Feb. 20, to advance a **version of H 175** to the House floor for consideration. Other bills concerning gambling in the state (**H 190, H 12, H 171** and **S 23**) are also being considered.

Legal sports wagering markets exceed Nevada in January 2019- As reported by the [American Gaming Association](#) on March 1, combined handle in newly legalized sports wagering jurisdictions exceeded handle in Nevada for the first time in January 2019. New Jersey ranked second for state wide handle in January, with \$385.3 million wagered compared to the Nevada handle of \$497.5 million.

States voice opposition to US Department of Justice (US DOJ) reinterpretation of the 1961 Wire Act - According to [OnlinePokerReport](#), as of Feb.13, four states (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire) had voiced their objection to the **reinterpretation** of the **1961 Wire Act** released by the US DOJ in November 2018. This reinterpretation could have a significant impact on intrastate online casinos, intrastate and interstate online poker, daily fantasy sports, online lottery sales, and interstate marketing for any type of gaming.

Virginia sports betting bill passes Senate- As reported by [Legal Sports Report](#) passed a bill on February 4, authorizing a public vote on whether to approve the first casino in the state. The bill (**S 1126**) passed 28-12, and is the first step toward the opening of the proposed Bristol Resort and Casino.

West Virginia online gaming bill passes state's House of Representatives- As reported by [OnlinePokerReport](#), the West Virginia Lottery Interactive Wagering Act (**H 2934**) House of Representatives in a 72-22 vote. The bill will now be considered by the state Senate. Should the bill pass into law, West Virginia will become the fifth US state to offer legal online poker.

Hospitality & Tourism News

AHLA responds to President Trump's State of the Union Address – In a Feb. 5 **press release**, representatives of the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) commended the president for his

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policies that support communities by fostering job growth and economic opportunities Within the next five years AHLA hopes to enroll 50,000 apprentices, certify 125,000 employees and train 8,000 Opportunity Youth for careers in the hospitality industry.

AHLA releases 2018 Annual Report- As featured in [Lodging Magazine](#), the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA) released its **2018 Annual Report**. The report highlights key accomplishments for the year including short-term rental legislation, **The Five Star Promise** to improve employee safety and growth in member engagement.

Deloitte releases 2019 Travel and Hospitality Industry Outlook – This month, the **Deloitte Center for Industry Insights** released its **2019 Travel and Hospitality Industry Outlook**. According to
sts, in the decade since the national economic recession, the travel industry has

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