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Brief Biosocial Gambling Screen

During the past 12 months, have you become restless, irritable, or anxious when trying to stop / cut down on gambling?

During the past 12 months, have you tried to keep your family or friends from knowing how much you gambled?

During the past 12 months did you have such financial trouble as a result of your gambling that you had to get help with living expenses from family, friends, or welfare?

An answer "yes" to any of the questions may indicate a problem with gambling.

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## Register online for NCPG's 2019 National Conference!

### Pre-Conference Dates:

W-Th, July 17 &amp; 18

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the National Council on Problem Gambling and our host, the Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado, **we invite you to join us in Denver** for the 33rd National Conference on Gambling Addiction and Responsible Gambling. NCPG's annual conference is the premier educational and networking event for problem gambling and responsible gambling professionals in the country.

### Main Conference Dates:

F-Sat, July 19 &amp; 20

You will find a variety of speakers discussing numerous **hot topics** over four days in Denver, including **sports betting**, responsible gambling and regulation, military and gambling, prevention, treatment and recovery, and community. We expect to welcome **over 600 professionals** in prevention, education, treatment, research and regulation, as well as members of the recovery community. Take advantage of this incredible opportunity for **professional development, networking and "Awareness plus Action!"**

The Conference program will highlight **best practices and rising trends in problem gambling and responsible gambling**. Our line-up of keynote and breakout session speakers is unmatched in these unique fields. Be sure to join us for the **Welcome Reception on Thursday, July 18** to network and meet some surprise guests!

**We look forward to seeing you in Denver!**

Keith Whyte, NCPG & Larry Wall, ICGC-II, PGCC

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## NCRG CONFERENCE ON GAMBLING AND ADDICTION

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#### VENUE

The NCRG Conference is co-located with Global Gaming Expo (G2E) in the Las Vegas Sands Convention Center. For more information about G2E, visit [www.globalgamingexpo.com](http://www.globalgamingexpo.com).

## NCPG Hail Return of GAP Act to Promote Safer Gambling in Military

By: Chris Murphy

July 9, 2019

The **National Council on Problem Gambling** (NCPG), the national organization for people and their families who are affected by problem gambling and gambling addiction, has welcomed the reintroduction of the bipartisan Gambling Addiction Prevention (GAP) Act of 2019 by **Senators Elizabeth Warren** and **Steve Daines**. The GAP Act, drawn up to protect members of the military, is complemented by companion legislation introduced in the House by Representative **Susie Lee**.

**Keith Whyte**, Executive Director of NCPG, commented: "I applaud Senators Daines and Warren and Representative Lee for taking the lead on the GAP Act to address problem gambling in the military. NCPG believes there exists an ethical and economic obligation to protect our troops by preventing gambling addiction."

"Problem gambling is a critical issue that is far too often overlooked. Research reveals that problem gambling uniquely impacts the military. For example, an estimated 56,000 servicemembers meet the criteria for problem gambling, while military members lost \$100m on 3,000 slot machines at overseas bases in 2018 alone. Clearly, the Department of Defense holds an even higher obligation to address problem gambling because of the windfall profits they make from gambling."

Senator Warren added: "It's our duty as Americans to honor the sacrifices service members and veterans make for our country. Senator Daines and I are reintroducing our bipartisan legislation to make sure veterans struggling with gambling addiction can get the treatment they need."

Far too many service men and women suffer from gambling addictions," said Senator Daines. "This bill protects our troops by requiring the Defense Department to confront this growing problem head on."

The updated Gambling Addiction Prevention Act of 2019 would require the Department of Defense (DOD) to develop policies and programs to prevent and treat gambling problems, in coordination with the Department's other behavioral health efforts.

On military sites where gambling activities take place, such policies and programs would include providing educational materials and promoting responsible gambling behavior. It also requires the Department to update its regulations, instructions, and guidance to explicitly include gambling disorder within 180 days of the passage of the Act.

<https://sbcamericas.com/2019/07/09/ncpg-hails-return-of-gap-act-to-promote-safer-gambling-in-military/>

## Making a wager? Half of Americans live in states soon to offer sports gambling

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[Bob Woods](#)

· Betting on sports games is a \$150 billion industry, but not nearly all of it is legal or based in the U.S.

· In May, for the first time, New Jersey passed Nevada to become the top state in monthly legal sports betting.

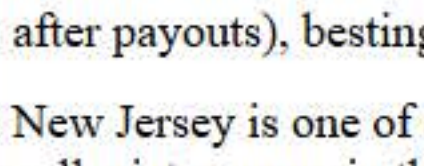
· Since the SCOTUS decision in May 2018 that ended the Las Vegas monopoly on U.S.-based legal sportsbook, sports betting laws have passed or are pending in 13 states, and 35 states are considering it.

On June 14, 2018, New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy made the first-ever legal sports bets in the state's history, plunking down 20 bucks each on Germany to win last year's World Cup and the New Jersey Devils to hoist the 2019 Stanley Cup. Murphy would eventually lose both wagers (France/St. Louis Blues), but less than a year later he and his state hit a lucrative, historic jackpot.

For the month of May, [New Jersey](#) passed [Nevada](#) to become the top state in monthly sports betting for the first time. The Garden State harvested \$318.9 million in handle (the total in bets taken) and \$15.5 million in revenue (what sportsbooks earn after payouts), besting Nevada's \$317.3 million in handle and \$11.6 million in revenue.

New Jersey is one of seven states, besides Nevada, that moved to allow legalized sports betting across professional and collegiate games in the year since the U.S. Supreme Court ended Nevada's 50-year, and federally mandated, monopoly.

Betting on sporting events is one of America's favorite pastimes, even if an estimated \$150 billion is wagered annually in a gray market controlled by bookies and legal offshore sportsbooks, according to the American Gaming Association.



Former New Jersey State Sen. Raymond Lesniak, the legal champion in the Supreme Court decision, raises his hand to place the first bet at the Monmouth Park Sports Book on the first day of legal sports betting in the state.

Several factors propelled New Jersey's rapid ascendancy, especially its well-established casino and online gambling industry. Yet it's still too soon to know if other states can similarly cash in on legal sports betting, hailed as a big-league revenue generator to boost underfunded education, social services, infrastructure and other government programs. New Jersey, for instance, has established a Casino Revenue Fund to benefit senior citizens and disabled residents. We know for certain that more states will be trying. In five years sports betting may be available in 80% of U.S. states.

### By 2024, sports betting in 40 states

Since the unanimous SCOTUS decision on May 14, 2018, to overturn the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA), a 1992 federal law that had essentially restricted single-game sports betting to Nevada and its famed Las Vegas sportsbooks, legislation to authorize sports betting has either passed or is pending in 13 states.

More than two dozen other states are lining up to either consider such legislation or to activate new laws already on the books. By the end of this year, bills are expected to be considered in at least 35 states, according to Gambling Compliance, an industry research and consulting firm. By 2024, the firm estimates, as many as 40 states could allow sports gambling. Based on population, roughly 50% of Americans will live in states that have some form of sports betting by the end of next year.

By the end of last year, [Delaware](#), [Mississippi](#), New Jersey, [New Mexico](#), [Pennsylvania](#), [Rhode Island](#) and [West Virginia](#) had authorized legal sports betting. The expansion helped boost total industry-wide revenue from legal and regulated sports betting to approximately \$430.2 million in 2018, up nearly 65% from the \$261.3 million in 2017, according to the American Gambling Association's annual "State of the States" survey of the nation's commercial casino industry.

That reflects just the six months following the demise of PASPA, so revenue should jump exponentially in this and future years. So far this year, according to Legal Sports Betting's most [recent calculations](#), more than \$4.4 billion in handle and nearly \$259 million in revenue has been generated. Since PASPA was repealed, every licensed sportsbook (that has been subject to monthly reports from their states) have accumulated, for a total handle of over \$8 billion, according to Legal Sports Betting. Sportsbooks in that time have kept more than \$500 million, before contributing over \$60 million in taxes to their respective states and cities.

Gambling Compliance projects that the legal sports betting market in the U.S. could be worth as much as \$7.9 billion in total annual revenue by 2024.

Getting there can be arduous, though. Each state's legislature must hammer out its own rules and regulations governing on-site — commercial and tribal casinos, racetracks, lottery vendors — online and mobile sports wagering, and determine licensing fees and tax rates paid by operators. In some instances a public vote or constitutional amendment may be required.

An Associated Press analysis last spring found that four of the states with newly legal operations still lagged well behind their estimated revenue expectations.

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Despite the outburst of competition over the last year and a half, Nevada still raked in a record \$301 million in sports betting revenue; the seven newbie states combined for \$129.6 million. From January through April of 2019, Nevada's sportsbooks registered \$1.88 billion in handle and \$104.6 million in revenue.

"As you can see from our numbers, Nevada continues to be the market leader in sports betting," Sandra Douglass Morgan, chairwoman of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, said in an email statement to CNBC. The PASPA decision, she added, has not had a negative impact on Nevada's sports betting industry.

Although New Jersey surpassed Nevada for May, it should be noted that the two states report their handles a bit differently. Jersey's numbers include bets on future events, such as this fall's World Series, before they are paid out. Nevada doesn't count future bets until they're paid.

Sports betting by state (Year-to-date through May)

State	Sports betting handle	Sports betting revenue	State tax revenue
Nevada	\$2.2 billion	\$115.9 million	\$7.8 million
New Jersey	\$1.7 billion	\$99.9 million	\$12.2 million
Pennsylvania	\$180.7 million	\$17.2 million	\$6.2 million
Mississippi	\$129.4 million	\$13.7 million	\$1.6 million
West Virginia	\$75.8 million	\$5.4 million	\$451,658
Rhode Island	\$80.2 million	\$2.8 million	\$1.4 million
Delaware	\$42.9 million	\$4.1 million	\$2.1 million

LegalSportsBetting.com (Rhode Island data through April, all others May)

To read more: <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/07/10/half-of-americans-live-in-states-soon-to-offer-sports-gambling.html>