

# FACT SHEET



## WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

### STATE GAMING REGULATORY STRUCTURES

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This Fact Sheet reviews select state gaming commissions and other gaming regulatory structures. The first table identifies states that use a state gaming board or commission to regulate gaming and includes information on the length of committee member terms, the appointment process, and a description of the games regulated by each commission. The second table identifies states that have a state gaming regulatory entity but that do not use a state gaming board or commission. While not a comprehensive review of all state gaming regulatory structures, the Fact Sheet does offer a high-level view of the structures found in the states listed below. Colorado, Montana and South Dakota are surrounding states that have a gaming commission or other state gaming regulatory entity. Currently Utah does not allow gaming and Idaho regulates limited charitable gaming through its lottery. It should be noted that the table below depicts games regulated by gaming boards and commissions and there may be other gaming activities regulated by separate authorities within each jurisdiction.

**Table 1. State Gaming Boards and Commissions.**

State	Enabling Statutes	Types of Games Regulated	Terms and Appointments
California	<a href="#">Cal. Bus &amp; Prof. Code §19810 through §19830</a>	The California Gambling Control Commission is the regulatory body over gambling establishments, third party providers and tribal casinos. The Commission sets policy, establishes regulations and issues licenses. The Bureau of Gambling Control within the Department of Justice has enforcement authority over gambling activities. The Department of Justice also regulates charitable gaming.	Five-member commission appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate; appointed to four-year terms.

<b>Colorado</b>	<a href="#"><u>Colo. Rev. Stat. §44-30-301 through §44-30-302</u></a>	The Colorado Limited Gaming Commission regulates casino slot machines and table games (blackjack, poker, roulette and craps). Charitable gaming is regulated by the Secretary of State and the Colorado Lottery Division regulates the lottery.	Five members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, appointed to four-year terms with a two-term limit.
<b>Delaware</b>	<a href="#"><u>28 Del. C. Chapter 15</u></a>	The Board of Charitable Gaming regulates charitable gaming, including bingo, instant or sealed games, raffles, Texas Hold'em poker tournaments and other charitable games. The Division of Gaming Enforcement under the Delaware Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security regulates table games at video lottery facilities and the Delaware lottery.	Five members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate for five years and may serve two terms.
<b>Indiana</b>	<a href="#"><u>Ind. Code §4-33-3-1 through §4-33-9-17</u></a>	The Indiana Gaming Commission regulates eleven riverboat casinos which utilize slot machines and table games, all charitable gaming, and race track casino electronic gaming. Real-time horse races are regulated by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission.	Seven-member commission appointed by the governor for three-year terms.
<b>Iowa</b>	<a href="#"><u>Iowa Code §99D.5 and IAC 491-1.1 (99D, 99F)</u></a>	The Racing and Gaming Commission oversees the administration of the Iowa pari-mutuel wagering act and excursion boat gambling act through regulation of riverboat and race track casinos. The Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, Social and Charitable Gambling Unit, regulates charitable gaming.	Five-member commission appointed by the governor with confirmation from the senate for three-year terms.
<b>Illinois</b>	<a href="#"><u>230 ILCS 10 230 ILCS 40/1</u></a>	The Illinois Gaming Board regulates riverboat casino gambling and video gaming.	Five-member board appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate.

<b>Kansas</b>	<a href="#">Kan. Stat. §74-8772</a> , <a href="#">Kan. Stat. §74-8773</a> and <a href="#">Kan. Stat. §74-8803</a>	The Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission regulates casino slot machines and card games. Bingo and charitable games are regulated by the Department of Revenue.	Five-member commission appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate for four-year terms.
<b>Louisiana</b>	<a href="#">LA. Rev. Stat. §27:11</a> and <a href="#">LA. Rev. Stat. 27:52</a>	The Louisiana Gaming Control Board regulates fifteen riverboat casinos with slot machines and table games, one land-based casino, 4 racetracks with slot machines (slot machines only) and video poker at truck stops, bars, and restaurants. Charitable gaming is regulated by the Office of Charitable Gaming within the Department of Revenue.	Nine-member board appointed by the governor, including two ex-officio members, confirmed by the senate for six-year terms.
<b>Maine</b>	<a href="#">M.R.S. Title 8 Ch. 31</a>	The Gambling Control Board supervises the operation of slot machines and table games. In addition, the Gambling Control Unit, within the Department of Public Safety, administers laws related to fantasy sports contests, beano and games of chance.	Five-member board appointed by the governor for a three-year term.
<b>Maryland</b>	<a href="#">Md. State Gov't Code §9-104</a> , <a href="#">9-105</a> , <a href="#">9-109</a>	The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission is an advisory board to the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency which has enforcement authority over gaming. The Commission regulates the operation of the lottery, video lottery terminals, table games, instant ticket lottery machines operated by veterans' organizations, electronic gaming devices and instant bingo machines.	Seven-member commission appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate for a five-year term, with a two-term limit.
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<a href="#">Mass. Gen. Laws Chap 23K, §1</a> and <a href="#">Mass. Gen. Laws Chap. 23K, §7</a>	The Massachusetts Gaming Commission oversees the regulation of slot machines, electronic gaming equipment, table games, horse racing, simulcasting, harness horse racing, and greyhound racing. Charitable gaming is regulated by the Attorney General, the Lottery and local authorities.	Five commissioners and various executive branch members appointed for five-year terms with a ten-year limit.

<b>Michigan</b>	<a href="#">MCL 432.204</a> and <a href="#">MCL 432.204a</a>	The Michigan Gaming Control Board oversees all casinos (except tribal), horse racing, and millionaire parties (events at which wagers are placed upon games of chance using imitation money or chips that have a nominal value equal to or greater than the value of the currency for which they can be exchanged).	The Board has five members with the Board chair being appointed by the governor for a term at the pleasure of the governor. The governor also appoints the Board members for four-year terms.
<b>Mississippi</b>	<a href="#">Miss. Code Ann. §75-76-7</a> and <a href="#">Miss. Code Ann. §75-76-9</a>	The Mississippi Gaming Commission regulates specified casino games, slot machines, card games, table games, bingo, pull tabs, and electronic pull tab machines.	Three members appointed by the governor with advice and consent of senate for four-year terms, with a two-term limit.
<b>Missouri</b>	<a href="#">Mo. Rev. Stat. §313.004</a>	The Missouri Gaming Commission regulates riverboat casinos, slot machines, table games, bingo, and pull tabs. The Charitable Gaming Division of the Missouri Gaming Commission oversees charitable gaming.	Five members appointed by the governor with advice and consent of the senate for three-year terms, with a six-year limit.
<b>Nevada</b>	<a href="#">Nev. Rev. Stat. §463.022 through §463.029</a>	In Nevada there are two entities which regulate gaming: the Nevada Gaming Control Board and the Gaming Control Commission. The Gaming Control Board regulates all slot machines, table games, charitable lotteries, and bingo. The Gaming Control Commission is a part-time entity that meets to vote on agenda items that have passed through the Nevada Gaming Control Board.	The Commission consists of five members appointed by the governor for four-year terms.  The Control Board consists of three full time members appointed by the governor for four-year terms.

<b>New Jersey</b>	<a href="#">N.J. Stat. §5:12-50</a> and <a href="#">N.J. Stat. §5:12-52</a>	The New Jersey Casino Control Commission is responsible for licensing Atlantic City's casinos and casino employees. The New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement, under the Attorney General's Office, investigates casino and employee licenses. Charitable gaming is regulated by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission within the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs.	Three members appointed by the governor with advice and consent of the senate. Five-year terms and chairman cannot serve as chairman for more than ten years.
<b>New York</b>	<a href="#">9 NYCRR §§ 4000-5013</a>	The New York Gaming Commission oversees race tracks, the lottery, and video gaming, including electronic gaming and commercial games. The Commission also holds an advisory role regarding Indian gaming casinos (table and electronic games). The Charitable Gaming Division under the New York State Gaming Commission regulates charitable gaming.	Six members appointed by the governor for five-year terms with the advice and consent of the senate.
<b>North Dakota</b>	<a href="#">N.D. Cent. Code §53-06.1-01.1</a>	The North Dakota Gaming Commission regulates bingo, raffles, calcutta, pull tabs, dispensing punch boards, twenty-one paddle wheel, poker (two events allowed per year per establishment) and sports pools. The North Dakota Attorney General's Office regulates charitable gaming.	Governor appoints with consent of senate for three-year terms.
<b>Ohio</b>	<a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code §§3772.01 - 3772-99</a>	The Casino Control Commission regulates the four casinos in Ohio, which contain a variety of slot machines and table games. The Attorney General's office regulates charitable and online gaming.	Seven members appointed by the governor with advice and consent of the senate for four-year terms.

<b>South Dakota</b>	<a href="#">S.D. Laws §42-7B-6</a>	The South Dakota Commission on Gaming regulates slot machines, black jack, poker, craps, roulette, and keno.	Five members appointed by the governor for three-year terms, with a two-term limit.
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Source: LSO staff compilation from state statutes, state commission websites, interviews with commission staff, and summary of state information provided by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

**Table 2. Other State Gaming Regulatory Structures.**

State	Other State Gaming Regulatory Structures
<b>Alaska</b>	The Alaska Department of Revenue, Tax Division enforces the Alaska Gaming Reform Act which governs their charitable gaming program and defines who may conduct gaming activities and what activities are permissible including: raffle/lottery, bingo and pull-tabs.
<b>Connecticut</b>	The Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection, Gaming Division, oversees bingo, bazaars, raffles, casino fundraisers, off-track betting, horse racing, live greyhound racing and in the past Jai Alai. Non-profit and for-profit organizations must have an appropriate license issued by the state.
<b>Montana</b>	Montana has the Gambling Control Division through the Department of Justice which regulates all forms of gambling excluding the lottery and horse racing. Montana law requires all businesses to have an alcoholic beverage license before they can have live card games, sports tab games and video gambling machines.

Source: LSO staff compilation of information provided on individual state government websites.

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