

Legislative Update

U.S. House of Representatives H.R. 772 (McMorris Rodgers)- Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2017- As recorded by the U.S. Congress on Feb. 6 members of the House passed House Bill 772 Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2017 originally introduced Jan. 31 2017. The bill would mandate the inclusion of key nutrition information (serving size, calories etc.) on menu boards, online menus and other food establishment signage. The bill was received in the Senate on Feb. 7.

N.J. Assembly Bill A549 (Mazzeo, Caputo) - Limits State Lottery drawings to two per day per game.- As recorded by the New Jersey State Legislature and reported by The Press of Atlantic City, on Feb. 8 New Jersey legislators proposed a bill that would place limits on Quick Draw, a keno style game recently introduced by the New Jersey Lottery. Proponents of the bill believe that the game directly competes with, and could be drawing business away from,

PA Gaming Control Board (PGCB) Begins Application process for Online Gambling Licenses According to [OnlinePokerReport.com](#), as of Feb. 6, the PGCB had made interactive Gaming License Applications available on its website. There are a total of 10 online casino licenses and 13 online poker licenses available to other entities.

Professional Sports Leagues Lobby for Inclusion of Integrity Fee in Sports Betting Regulations As reported by [LegalSportsReport.com](#), Major League Baseball (MLB) and The National Basketball Association (NBA) are actively lobbying for the inclusion of a 1% integrity fee in state level sports betting legislation. The fee based on the total amount wagered (handle) equates to a 20% tax on revenue (win). When combined with state taxes (ranging between 9% and 20% of revenue) and federal excise tax (5% of revenue) the additional Integrity Fee could make sports betting economically unviable for some gaming operators.

Record Handle in Nevada for Super Bowl 52 Wagers As reported by [LegalSportsReport.com](#), the 198 legal Nevada sportsbooks took \$158,586,934 in wagers for the Super Bowl 52 handle, up from the prior record \$138,480,136 from 2017 and nearly doubled the handle of 2009 (\$81 million).

Social Gaming Operator Zynga posts 16% Revenue Growth in 2017 As reported by [CalvinAyre.com](#), social gaming operator Zynga reported \$233.3 million in revenue for 2017 a 16% increase over the prior year. Revenue gains can be attributed to the company's mobile gaming portfolio.

West Virginia Legislators Pass Sports Betting Bill According to [LegalSportsReport.com](#), on Feb. 20 the West Virginia Senate passed a bill to legalize sports betting in the state.

Hospitality News

Airbnb Announces Launch of Airbnb Plus- As reported by [The New York Times](#), on Feb. 22, Airbnb CEO Brian Chesky announced the launch of Airbnb Plus. Airbnb Plus will provide travelers with greater predictability and certain comforts while using the Airbnb service. To be listed as an Airbnb Plus property hosts must meet all of the requirements on a 100-point quality checklist. Many of these requirements are similar to what a traveler would expect while staying at a traditional hotel or motel. In addition to Airbnb Plus, Airbnb will be adding four new property types: boutique hotels, bed and breakfasts, vacation homes and distinctive properties. These include shared spaces, private rooms and entire homes.

American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) Releases Statement of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program - In a Feb. 14 press release, AHLA President, Katherine Lugar, expressed support for a legislative solution for DACA recipients. AHLA continues to advocate for legislation that would provide DACA recipients with permanent status in the U.S.

Fast Food Workers Rally for \$15 Minimum Wage As reported by [1 D W L R Q ¶ V 5 H V, M D D X U D Q W](#)
service workers across the country marked the 50th anniversary of the Memphis, Tenn., sanitation workers
strike on Feb. 12 with acts of civil disobedience. Workers in Florida, Michigan and Wisconsin marched
show their support for the fight for \$15 movement.

Most Popular Travel Experiences of 2017 According to [LodgingMagazine.com](#), while travelers are
increasingly interested in new experiences, iconic landmarks and cities are still the most frequently booked
experiences. Food and cultural experiences saw rapid growth in 2017 as did active outdoor experiences.

New Jersey Joins Multistate Coalition Against Atlantic Ocean Drilling As reported by