



Business and Economic Development

Back to Work Illinois (BWI) is a broad coalition of civic, business, community and labor organizations dedicated to the successful implementation of Illinois' \$31 billion capital investment plan.

Not only does the Video Gaming Act provide the necessary funding for Illinois' first capital plan in over 10 years, but it also supports local businesses by attracting more customers, generating more revenue and helping them stay competitive.

Benefits of Video Gaming to Local Businesses

- Increase customers, sales and revenue for local businesses as the economic crisis continues
- Boosts tourism and visitors from neighboring communities by establishing additional entertainment options
- Helps businesses create and retain jobs and increases business to business spending for equipment, supplies and services
- Projected gross revenue for a local business with 5 terminals is **\$78,750 a year***

** "New Video Gaming Tax in Illinois" Arduin, Lafer & Moore; Prepared for the Illinois Municipal League*

Video Gaming Act

- Restricts access to establishments that have a liquor license
- Maximum of 5 machines per eligible establishment
- All gaming terminals must be connected to a **State-managed central system** just like the Illinois Lottery, which successfully monitors over 7,500 terminals.
- Eliminates so-called "gray-games" that currently operate without any oversight
- Municipalities receive 1/6 of taxes collected locally with no restrictions on use
 - **Generates an estimated \$11,250 in tax revenue per year per location that goes directly to the local municipality**

Capital Plan Highlights

- \$31 billion in investments
- First in over 10 year
- Creates a minimum of 439,000 jobs over five years
- 30% of funding comes from legalized video gaming

How YOU Can Help

- Communities that opt out of Video Gaming hurt local restaurants and bars that would like to grow their business and remain competitive.
- **Join the BWI Coalition** by visiting www.BacktoWorkIllinois.com.
- **Call your City Council or Village Board** to show your support of the Capital Plan and ask that they don't opt out of video gambling.
- **Write a Letter to the Editor** to your local newspaper expressing your support of the Capital Plan and video gambling.

Please email info@BacktoWorkIllinois.com or call 312-772-BTWI (2894) with any questions.