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A gaming proposal gained final approval by the House of Representatives that would allow for a number of changes to Indiana's casino and racino laws. Live table games for the state's horse racing casinos would be permitted under HB 1540. Proponents noted this would only allow for the conversion of current electronic games to live dealers. Contention arose early in debate surrounding whether or not admission taxes

would revert to the state's coffers or stay in the communities where casinos operate. Ultimately, that discussion was sent to a summer study committee where the Indiana General Assembly will take a closer look at how gaming revenues affect local communities. Additionally, the bill provides greater access to funding for the maintenance of West Baden Springs Hotel, exempts riverboats from admissions tax with a call for a five percent wagering tax of their gross earnings, and requires racinos to pay a Historic Hotel District Community Support fee to be allocated to communities, schools, and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. The House of Representatives approved the proposal 76-19 and it will now move to the Senate for further consideration.

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