

NJ lawmakers pass Internet gambling bill (Update)

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(AP)—New Jersey's Internet gambling law is now in Gov. Chris Christie's hands.

The state legislature passed a bill Tuesday that would legalize Internet gambling.

The [lawmakers](#) agreed Tuesday to earlier changes demanded Christie, who could sign it by day's end. The state Assembly and [Senate](#) passed the bill by wide margins.

The changes include a 10-year trial period and higher taxes on casinos' online winnings.

Patrons would set up online accounts with one or more Atlantic City casinos, which would use special software to verify a player's age. Once the program is operational, which could take six months to a year, [gamblers](#) could play any game now offered in Atlantic City casinos, including electronic versions of slots and table games.

Online poker is expected to be big.

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