

US gambling operators have 90 days to comply with new rules

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In this Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017, file photo, a game of internet slots is under way on a free-play site in Atlantic City, N.J. A legal opinion from the U.S. Department of Justice made public Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, could threaten the viability of online gambling that crosses state lines, such as poker. (AP Photo/Wayne Parry, File)

The Department of Justice will wait 90 days to implement a legal

opinion that will affect online gambling.

Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein on Tuesday issued a memo saying the delay will allow businesses to adjust their operations.

The legal opinion that became public Monday says a federal law that prohibits interstate wagering applies to any form of gambling that crosses state lines, not just sports betting.

It is a reversal for the department, which in 2011 determined that [online gambling](#) within states that does not involve sporting events would not violate the federal Wire Act.

Legal experts say casino operators and online lotteries will likely take the issue to court.

Becky Harris is the chairwoman of the Nevada Gaming Control Board. The gambling regulator says the agency is carefully reviewing the opinion.

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