

2014 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GAMING

- Rhode Island voters will be asked two questions on November's ballot concerning Newport Grand, under legislation approved by the General Assembly. One would amend the state constitution to specify that no gambling facility may change locations within its city or town without an affirmative vote from the citizens of that city or town. The other would allow Newport Grand to expand to offer table games, but only with the approval of voters statewide and in Newport, and only if the other question is also approved statewide.
- Lawmakers allowed Twin River in Lincoln to offer lines of credit of up to \$50,000 to patrons, and stipulated that no casino may place a lien on a person's real estate as a result of such a marker.
- The budget included funding, effectively \$1.1 million, to boost Twin River's marketing efforts at a time when the Lincoln gaming facility could soon face increased competition from expansion of gaming in Massachusetts.