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Racino Bill Faces Uncertain Future

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The proposed racino would include horse racing. (Photo: MGN)

DOVER, Del.- Delaware lawmakers may soon consider a bill to allow for the construction of a massive racino in Sussex County.

Right now plans call for a casino, indoor water park and several restaurants to be built in Millsboro. The developers of the project said it could generate approximately 4,000 jobs in the county.

The project has sponsors from both parties, and Gov. Jack Markell, who had proposed building new casinos in the state, said Monday in a statement, "The governor believes the market should be allowed to decide whether there is demand for additional casinos in Delaware."

Some lawmakers said the project should be put on hold until a report is released showing whether there is demand for more casinos.

House Minority Whip Danny Short said he understands the possible economic benefits of a new casino, but worries a new racino could hurt current casinos.

"What would be the financial impact for Harrington slots and that's a big concern," he said. "Until we get the numbers down, we don't know what the outcome of that bill will be from that standpoint."



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