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(S.D.)-Deadwood Gambling Revenues Down In January



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DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) - The western South Dakota gambling town of Deadwood continues to struggle with a stagnant gambling market.

Data from the state Gaming Commission show that gambling revenues in the city in January were down 3.8 percent over the year, to about \$7.5 million.

When Deadwood casino revenue drops, so does the state's take in taxes. The state netted about \$665,000 in January, a drop of about 3 percent.

A bill in the Legislature this year would allow South Dakota voters to decide whether Deadwood casinos should be allowed to offer roulette, keno and craps. The proposed constitutional amendment has passed the House and is expected to get its first Senate hearing Wednesday.

Deadwood casinos right now offer slot machines, poker and blackjack.

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