

Will GOP surge impact online poker?

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More than a year and a half after Nevada legalized online poker, the game still hasn't taken off here.

And Tuesday's election results don't offer much hope that Congress will help improve the situation.

Revenue from online poker has been notably sluggish since the state started disclosing numbers in February. Experts say the game would be more popular – and lucrative – if Nevadans could legally gamble online with pools of players from other states.

Sen. Harry Reid has supported federal legalization of online poker. But now that he's losing his majority leader status amid the Republican takeover of Senate control, progress on the issue doesn't seem likely anytime soon.

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