Sports betting ruling could have major impact on Nev.

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The U.S. Supreme Court's recent announcement that it would review a New Jersey case on sports wagering and the American Gaming Association's continued push to repeal the law forbidding state-authorized sports gambling are clear indicators that sports betting is on its way to some major changes.

But will those changes be good for Nevada?

For years, sports books have been supportive of efforts to repeal the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992, the federal legislation that blocks states from allowing sports gambling.

Industry leaders argue that a repeal would bite more into illegal offshore betting than in the four states where some form of wagering is legal — Nevada, Oregon, Montana and Delaware.

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