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Concerned legislators from Bucks, Delaware and Montgomery Counties said Friday that a second Philadelphia casino could drain customers, revenues, and maybe jobs from existing gaming sites in the region.

"Too much of a good thing is a bad idea," said State Rep. Thaddeus Kirkland, a Democrat whose district includes Harrah's Philadelphia in Chester.

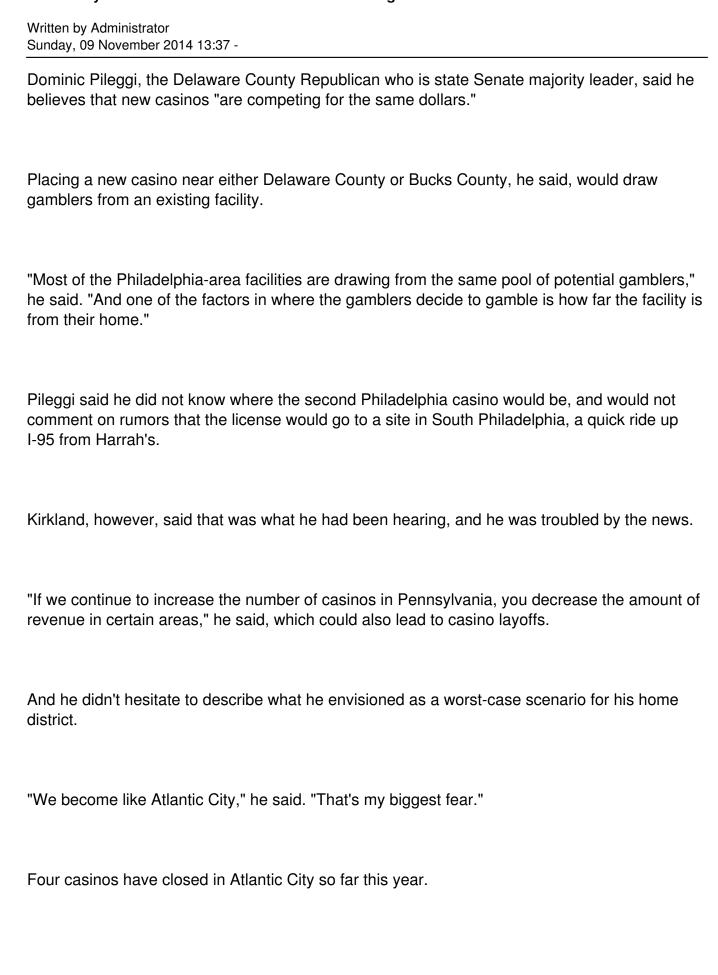
"I certainly would feel better if there weren't another one," said Joseph DiGirolamo, the Republican mayor of Bensalem, home of Parx Casino.

State Sen. Daylin Leach (D., Montgomery), whose district includes Valley Forge Casino Resort, said, "I'm not sure how many licenses in this area is enough and how many is too many. It's something we should all be concerned about."

Leach, like many of his legislative counterparts, was quick to point out that he did not have statistics or studies to prove any effects of an additional casino on the regional market.

Still, he and others said they believe the gambling market is saturated.

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