

# Advocates want to legalize poker in Texas

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The bill's supporters say Texas is missing a financial boon. Every week, hundreds of thousands of dollars are changing hands tax-free in Dallas and other Texas cities, a lucrative underground economy. With legalized poker comes heightened safety, they say. Today, robbers know their victims won't call the police.