

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB223

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Petersen

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Board for Charitable Gaming; authorization of electronic poker games for qualified organizations.

5. Summary: This bill provides authorization of electronic poker games for qualified organizations. Specifically, it authorizes a qualified organization to allow the playing of electronic poker games in conjunction with its charitable gaming activities. Charitable organizations are not allowed to play poker games or conduct poker tournaments. The bill also makes technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not have a material fiscal impact on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The bill limits the authorization of electronic poker games to qualified organizations in conjunction with their charitable gaming activities. As such, the department can absorb the additional regulatory workload within its current authority and activities.

At this time, the revenue impact of this bill is unknown. The extent to which the offering of electronic poker will attract new players is uncertain. Administrative and audit fees charged to qualified organizations are based on a percentage of collected revenue which are then deposited to the general fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.