

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB223

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| House of Origin | <input type="checkbox"/> Introduced | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input checked="" 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 substitute bill authorizes a qualified organization to allow the playing of electronic poker games. In order to obtain a permit to conduct electronic poker games, a qualified organization must have held a permit to conduct charitable gaming for at least 36 months prior to applying for the permit and the gaming must be conducted in halls that are owned by the organization and not operated for profit. Charitable organizations continue to be prohibited from playing poker games or conduct poker tournaments.

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.