

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB964

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 authorizes a qualified organization to allow the playing of electronic poker games. In order to conduct electronic poker games, a qualified organization must have held a permit to conduct charitable gaming for at least 36 months, and the electronic poker games must be conducted in halls that are owned by the organization and not operated for profit. The bill prohibits the playing of electronic poker games by individuals younger than 18 and sets a maximum electronic poker game bet of \$10 and a maximum electronic poker game prize of \$100. Charitable organizations continue to be prohibited from playing poker games or conducting 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.