

# Legislative Analysis



## REPEAL STATE ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION FUND

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**House Bill 6191 as reported from committee**

**Sponsor: Rep. Sue Allor**

**Committee: Oversight**

**Complete to 6-29-22**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 6191 would repeal section 63510 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. That section, in Subpart 2 (Abandoned Mine Reclamation) of Part 635 (Surface and Underground Coal Mine Reclamation), creates the State Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, requires money from certain sources to be deposited into the fund, and allows money from the fund to be spent for specified purposes generally related to coal mining practices.

A provision in another section of the act now also authorizes the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to expend money from the fund for the emergency restoration, reclamation, abatement, control, or prevention of adverse effects of coal mining practices on eligible land if certain conditions are met. The bill would delete this provision.

In addition, the act now requires inspection and reclamation fees assessed under Part 635 to be deposited into the fund. The bill instead would require any such fees to be deposited in the state general fund.

MCL 324.63510 (repealed) and MCL 324.63513 and 324.63542

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 6191 is unlikely to affect costs or revenues for EGLE or local governments. The State Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund currently has a fund balance of zero, so no money would be transferred to the general fund under the bill. The bill could result in additional revenue for the general fund if qualified mining activities commence in future.

### POSITIONS:

A representative of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy testified in support of the bill. (6-15-22)

NFIB indicated support for the bill. (6-21-22)

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