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Overview

This bill would provide an exemption from fence, barrier, and sign requirements applicable to property with a closed or abandoned mine if the property is used for certain recreational or economic development purposes.

Section

- 1 Fences.** Amends § 180.03, subd. 2. Clarifies that existing requirements to erect fencing, barriers, and signs when mining operations have ceased apply to fencing, barriers, and signs that are required under law (for example, not those placed voluntarily by recipients of an exemption established later on in the bill).
- 2 Abandoned mines.** Amends § 180.03, subd. 3. Requires a fee owner of property with an abandoned mine to also maintain fencing, barriers, and signage in addition to the existing requirement to erect it.
- 3 Exemptions.** Amends § 180.03, subd. 4. Exempts certain property from fencing requirements applicable to closed/abandoned mines, including property owned by the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB), property used for grant-in-aid trails, property owned by a municipality for park/recreational purposes, and property for certain economic development. Requires the property exempted to be posted with appropriate signs and requires any fencing erected by a recipient of an exemption to be maintained by the recipient. Allows a county mine inspector to inspect the exempted property and make recommendations regarding fencing, barriers, and signage.

Section

- 4** **Removal of fence; guard.** Amends § 180.10. Clarifies that existing provisions establishing a misdemeanor penalty for a person who opens, removes, or disturbs a fence, guard, barrier, or sign required under law and fails to close/replace the fence, guard, barrier, or sign apply to only fences, signs, etc. that are required and not those placed voluntarily by recipients of an exemption established in the previous section.