

1 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated to the Department of Commerce the sum
2 of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year
3 to use as matching grants for short line railroads, in addition to the grants allocated to
4 the Department of Transportation.

5 **SECTION 3.** All matching grants recommended by the Department of
6 Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Commerce pursuant to this
7 act shall be subject to final approval by the Rail Division of the Department of
8 Transportation, in consultation with the Railway Association of North Carolina.

9 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.