

1 to use as matching grants for short line railroads, in addition to the grants allocated to
2 the Department of Transportation.

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

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