

Whereas, the North Carolina Transportation Museum Foundation helped the State successfully restore and open the Roundhouse in 1996; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Transportation Museum lacks sufficient exhibit space, adequate classrooms, and an auditorium large enough to accommodate the museum's visitors; and

Whereas, the renovation of the 1905 Back Shop will provide an exhibit hall featuring a chronological overview of the State's transportation history in order to meet the museum's mandate "to preserve and disseminate the inland transportation history of North Carolina"; and

Whereas, the renovation of the Back Shop will make the North Carolina Transportation Museum one of the nation's premier transportation museums with a comprehensive collection of artifacts, innovative educational programs, and preservation of an industrial site central to the State and region's history; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. The General Assembly appropriates to the Department of Cultural
3 Resources, Division of Archives and History, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000)
4 for the 1999-2000 fiscal year for the North Carolina Transportation Museum Foundation
5 to renovate the Back Shop at the North Carolina Transportation Museum at Spencer
6 Shops.

7 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.