

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 406

Short Title: Salisbury Railroad Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Smith; and Carpenter.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 14, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL
RESOURCES FOR THE CONTINUED RENOVATION AND RESTORATION
OF THE HISTORIC SALISBURY RAILROAD STATION.

Whereas, historic preservation is widely recognized as contributing to local vitality and economic development through creation of jobs, promotion of tourism, and support of community spirit; and

Whereas, investments in historic preservation are both timely and economically advantageous; and

Whereas, Historic Salisbury Foundation, Incorporated, a private nonprofit preservation organization supported by private donations, was formed in 1972 to identify and preserve historic sites in Salisbury; and

Whereas, the historic Salisbury Railroad Station, built in 1907, is a North Carolina landmark of national significance; and

Whereas, the historic Salisbury Railroad Station was individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976; and

Whereas, the Salisbury Railroad Station has been left derelict and neglected for years; and

Whereas, Historic Salisbury Foundation, Incorporated, has raised one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) in cash and pledges to purchase the building and has performed a portion of the emergency stabilization work; and

Whereas, the Spencer Shops State Historic Site is an expanding center for tourism, and linkage with Salisbury Station would generate substantial increases in tourism industry; and

1 Whereas, the restored Salisbury Railroad Station could house a much needed
2 Visitors Center for Historic Salisbury and Rowan County to stimulate the tourist
3 industry; and

4 Whereas, one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) will be
5 required to complete stabilization and ready the entire structure for active public
6 economic use; Now, therefore,

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
9 Cultural Resources the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 1989-90
10 fiscal year for the continued restoration of the Historic Salisbury Railroad Station,
11 provided the Historic Salisbury Foundation, Incorporated, raises a like amount of non-
12 State funds to match this appropriation on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Funds previously
13 raised and expended for the purchase and restoration of the Historic Salisbury Railroad
14 Station shall qualify as matching funds for purposes of this section. Funds appropriated
15 in this act shall be expended only in accordance with G.S. 121-11 and G.S. 143-31.2.

16 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.