1 State of Arkansas A Bill 2 Act 1216 of 2001 83rd General Assembly HOUSE BILL 2258 3 Regular Session, 2001 4 By: Representative White 5 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-70-207 TO SET A GOAL 9 FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION 10 11 DEPARTMENT TO SPEND STATE HIGHWAY REVENUES TO IMPROVE 12 HIGHWAY-RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 13 14 **Subtitle** 15 16 TO SET A GOAL FOR THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO SPEND HIGHWAY REVENUES TO 17 18 IMPROVE HIGHWAY-RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY 19 IN ARKANSAS. 20 21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 22 23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-70-207(c), concerning the purposes for 24 25 which highway revenues can be used, is amended to read as follows: 26 (c)(1) All highway revenues transferred to the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund under the provisions of this subchapter shall 27 be used for the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of highways and 28 29 bridges in the state highway system. 30 (2) (A) However, the department may use highway revenues 31 transferred to the State Highway and Transportation Department Fund for the installation, upgrading, or improvement of any highway-railroad crossing 32 33 safety device, railroad crossing traffic control device, warning lights, crossing gates, or other railroad crossing safety devices at public highway 34 35 railroad crossings and for the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance 36 of any highway-railroad crossing, including the construction or installation

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1	of any underpasses or overpasses.
2	(B) Except for the construction or installation of
3	underpasses or overpasses, the department's goal is to expend one dollar
4	(\$1.00) of state funds for each dollar of federal funds received to improve
5	railroad crossing safety and to reduce railroad crossing accidents.
6	(C) It is the intent of this subdivision (c)(2) to
7	encourage the State Highway Commission to continue to upgrade the state's
8	highway-railway crossings with traffic control devices, warning lights,
9	crossing gates, and other appropriate devices in order to increase the safety
10	of persons using the state's highways.
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