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1 AN ACT Relating to driving on ocean beaches; and amending RCW
2 43.51.710.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.51.710 and 1988 c 75 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in RCW 43.51.715 and 43.51.720, (~~a total of~~
7 ~~forty percent of~~) the length of the beach subject to the recreation
8 management plan shall be reserved for pedestrian use under this section
9 and RCW 43.51.725. Except as provided in subsection (3) of this
10 section, restrictions on motorized traffic under this section shall be
11 from April 15th to the ((day following)) Friday before Labor ((day))
12 Day of each year. Local jurisdictions may adopt provisions within
13 recreation management plans that exceed the requirements of this
14 section. The commission shall ((not)) require that a plan designate
15 ((for pedestrian use more than forty percent of the land subject to the
16 plan)) the first one hundred yards onto the beach after leaving the
17 existing road or right of way as being open for motor vehicle use in
18 conformance with subsection (3) of this section.

1 (2) In designating areas to be reserved for pedestrian use, the
2 plan shall consider the following:
3 (a) Public safety;
4 (b) State-wide interest in recreational use of the ocean beaches;
5 (c) Protection of shorebird and marine mammal habitats;
6 (d) Preservation of native beach vegetation;
7 (e) Protection of sand dune topography;
8 (f) Prudent management of clam beds;
9 (g) Economic impacts to the local community; and
10 (h) Public access and parking availability.
11 (3) Motorized traffic on ocean beaches is permitted during the
12 period from April 15th to the Friday before Labor Day only as follows:
13 (a) On Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of Memorial Day
14 weekend; and
15 (b) On July 4th.

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