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The Monday after Easter, rather than Good Friday as in every other state, was a legal holiday in North Carolina for 52 years. The bill establishing the holiday was introduced by Senator [Paul Davis Grady](#) ^[2] of [Johnston County](#) ^[3] and was [ratified on 19 Apr. 1935](#) ^[4]. Although no written documents support the claim, oral tradition has long maintained that the reason North Carolina celebrated Easter Monday was to afford fans a greater opportunity to attend the [North Carolina State](#) ^[5]-[Wake Forest](#) ^[6] [baseball game](#) ^[7], which for many years was played the Monday after Easter. The [law was amended in 1987](#) ^[8] to observe the holiday on Good Friday rather than Easter Monday.

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