

## **Easter Monday Holiday** <sup>[1]</sup>

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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](#) <sup>[2]</sup> of [Johnston County](#) <sup>[3]</sup> and was [ratified on 19 Apr. 1935](#) <sup>[4]</sup>. 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](#) <sup>[5]</sup>-[Wake Forest](#) <sup>[6]</sup> [baseball game](#) <sup>[7]</sup>, which for many years was played the Monday after Easter. The [law was amended in 1987](#) <sup>[8]</sup> to observe the holiday on Good Friday rather than Easter Monday.

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