

PROASSURANCE CORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BUTRUS PAUL R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/08/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Vice-Chairman / Executive Vice-President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | | | |
| | | | Code | V Amount or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | | A | 1,702 (1) | \$ 51.38 | 174,034 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | 9,602 (2) | I | ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan [401(k)] |
| Common Stock | | | | | 47,321 | I | SEP / Regions Bank |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 51.38 | 03/08/2006 | | A | 6,250 | 09/11/2006 ⁽³⁾ 09/11/2016 | Common Stock 6,250 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 41.15 | | | | | 09/10/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ 09/10/2015 | Common Stock 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 33.28 | | | | | 09/10/2004 ⁽⁵⁾ 09/10/2014 | Common Stock 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22 | | | | | 09/04/2003 ⁽⁶⁾ 09/04/2013 | Common Stock 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.8 | | | | | 07/15/2002 ⁽⁷⁾ 07/15/2012 | Common Stock 25,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 21.01 | | | | | 06/27/2001 12/08/2008 | Common Stock 26,250 |

Buy)

Employee
Stock

Option \$ 26.03
(Right to
Buy)

06/27/2001 12/01/2008

Common
Stock 28,87
(8)

Employee
Stock

Option \$ 24.68
(Right to
Buy)

06/27/2001 12/02/2007

Common
Stock 113,6
(8)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BUTRUS PAUL R C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811 | X | | Vice-Chairman | Executive Vice-President |

Signatures

Paul R. Butrus 03/09/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

These shares are exempt under Rule 16b-3. Bonus shares awarded to the reporting person under the terms of the ProAssurance 2004

- (1) Equity Incentive Plan by the ProAssurance Board of Directors on March 8, 2006, pursuant to the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, which is composed entirely of Non-Employee Directors.
- (2) These shares were allocated prior to August 29, 2002 and were exempt under Rule 16b-3
- (3) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006
- (4) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2005
- (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2004
- (6) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003
- (7) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on July 15, 2002

On June 27, 2001, in connection with the consolidation of Medical Assurance, Inc. and Professionals Group, Inc. under the ownership of ProAssurance Corporations (NYSE:PRA), each share of Medical Assurance, Inc. common stock was converted into one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, and each option to purchase Medical Assurance, Inc. common stock was converted into one

- (8) option to purchase ProAssurance Corporation common stock. The acquisitions reported herein reflect shares of ProAssurance Corporation common stock and stock options acquired beneficially by the reporting person in exchange for the surrender of shares and stock options owned beneficially in Medical Assurance, Inc. The acquisition of ProAssurance Corporation shares and options reported herein is exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d) promulgated under the Act.

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