

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP

Form 4

July 27, 2006

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HICKS GEORGE T**

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP  
[ACR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**111 WESTWOOD PLACE, SUITE  
200**

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

**07/25/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec. VP, Sec. & Treasurer

(Street)

**BRENTWOOD, TN 37027**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                       | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 07/25/2006                              |                                                             | D                                    |                                                                         | 167,456                                                                                                            | D                                                                    | \$ 33 0                                                           |

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)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option                         | \$ 3.1                                                                | 07/25/2006                              |                                                             | D                                       | 4,574<br>(2)                                                                                                    | 01/04/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/04/2011                           | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 4,574                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                           | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                          | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| HICKS GEORGE T<br>111 WESTWOOD PLACE<br>SUITE 200<br>BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 |               |           | Exec. VP, Sec. & Treasurer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ George T.  
Hicks 07/25/2006

\*\*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).

(1) The option vested ratably in three annual installments beginning January 4, 2002.

The option, which provided for vesting in three equal annual installments beginning January 4, 2002, was cancelled in the merger with  
(2) Brookdale Senior Living Inc., in exchange for a cash payment of \$136,762.60 representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and the market value of the underlying common stock on the effective date of the merger.

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