

Pipoly Ronald E Jr
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Pipoly Ronald E Jr

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.
 [AFSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2012

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., 59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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NEW YORK, NY 10038

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2012 | | M | | 4,790 (1) | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2012 | | F | | 1,551 (2) | D | \$ 27.25 |
| Common Stock (3) | 02/17/2012 | | M | | 12,000 | A | \$ 7 |
| Common Stock (3) | 02/17/2012 | | F | | 6,730 (4) | D | \$ 27.6444 (5) |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Restricted Stock Units | (6) | 02/15/2012 | | M | 4,790 | (7) (7) | Common Stock 4 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (6) | 02/15/2012 | | A | 18,352 | (8) (8) | Common Stock 18 |
| Stock Option | \$ 7 | 02/17/2012 | | M | 12,000 | 02/09/2007 02/09/2016 | Common Stock 12 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Pipoly Ronald E Jr C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10038 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Ronald E. Pipoly Jr 02/17/2012

**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) Acquisition of common stock resulting from the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Pipoly on February 15, 2011.

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- (2) Disposition of common stock resulting from the withholding of securities for the payment of tax liability relating to the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Pipoly on February 15, 2011.
- (3) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Mr. Pipoly on September 16, 2011.
- (4) Shares withheld to satisfy income tax withholding liabilities and payment of the option exercise price.

The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$27.51 to \$27.71 per share, inclusive. Mr. Pipoly undertakes to provide to AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. or any of its security holders, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote 5.

- (6) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.'s common stock.

- (7) On February 15, 2011, Mr. Pipoly received restricted stock units representing 19,160 shares subject to a four-year vesting schedule, vesting 25% on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. As restricted stock units vest, the vested units are automatically converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

- (8) On February 15, 2012, Mr. Pipoly received restricted stock units representing 18,352 shares subject to a four-year vesting schedule, vesting 25% on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. As restricted stock units vest, the vested units are automatically converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

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