

Pipoly Ronald E Jr
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FORM 4

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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)
 10/17/2012

____ 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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/17/2012		M	V Amount (A) or (D) \$ 6.36	84,596 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/17/2012		S	V Amount (A) or (D) \$ 24.7938	77,021 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

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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 or Number of Shares
Stock Option (5)	\$ 6.36	10/17/2012		M	13,200	02/09/2007	02/09/2016	Common Stock	13,200

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. 10/17/2012

**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) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 16, 2011.
- (2) On August 6, 2012, AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. declared a 10% stock dividend payable on September 20, 2012 to all holders of record of common stock as of September 4, 2012. As a result, the reporting person received 6,490 shares of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. common stock on September 20, 2012.
- (3) Shares sold to satisfy income tax withholding liabilities and payment of the option exercise price.
- (4) The price included in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$24.5122 to \$24.9539 per share, inclusive. The reporting person 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 4.

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Pursuant to anti-dilution provisions in AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.'s 2010 Omnibus Incentive Plan, this option was previously
(5) reported as an option for 223,750 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$7.00 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the 10% stock dividend declared by AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. on August 6, 2012 and payable on September 20, 2012.

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