

FRIEDMAN HOWARD H  
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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 \*  
 FRIEDMAN HOWARD H

(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)  
 12/06/2012

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)  
 Senior Vice-President / Co-President of Subsidiary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	12/06/2012		F		9,195 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2012		M		12,500 <u>(2)</u>	A	
Common Stock	12/06/2012		F		8,955 <u>(3)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2012		M		12,500 <u>(2)</u>	A	
Common Stock	12/06/2012		F		8,947 <u>(4)</u>	D	

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Common Stock	12/06/2012	M	12,500 (2)	A	\$ 92.97	105,112	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2012	F	16,145 (5)	D	\$ 92.97	92,612	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2012	M	25,000 (2)	A	\$ 92.97	108,757	D	
Common Stock						914	I	IRA
Common Stock						173	I	Spouse's IRA

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Restricted Stock Units	(7)					(7)	(7)	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	(8)					(8)	(8)	Common Stock
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Restricted Stock Units	(9)					(9)	(9)	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	(6)					(6)	(6)	Common Stock

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.28	12/06/2012	M	12,500	09/01/2008 <sup>(10)</sup>	09/01/2018 <sup>(10)</sup>	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.48	12/06/2012	M	12,500	09/10/2007 <sup>(10)</sup>	09/10/2017 <sup>(10)</sup>	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.38	12/06/2012	M	12,500	09/11/2006 <sup>(10)</sup>	03/08/2016 <sup>(10)</sup>	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.15	12/06/2012	M	25,000	09/10/2005 <sup>(10)</sup>	03/09/2015 <sup>(10)</sup>	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRIEDMAN HOWARD H C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811			Senior Vice-President	Co-President of Subsidiary

## Signatures

Howard H. Friedman                      12/10/2012

\*\*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 9,195 shares disposed of reflect 7,299 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 12,500 options on 12/06/2012, and 1,896 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
  - (2) Cashless exercise of options after the close of the market on December 6, 2012
  - (3) The 8,955 shares disposed of reflect 6,922 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 12,500 options on 12/06/2012, and 2,033 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.
  - (4) The 8,947 shares disposed of reflect 6,909 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 12,500 options on 12/06/2012, and 2,038 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.

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- (5) The 16,145 shares disposed of reflect 11,066 shares withheld by the issuer to fund the cashless exercise of 25,000 options on 12/06/2012, and 5,079 shares withheld by the issuer to cover the associated tax liability.

Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issuable from the ProAssurance 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. The RSUs will vest if the reporting person remains continuously employed by ProAssurance or one of its subsidiaries until December 31, 2012 (three years from date of grant). Vesting will accelerate upon

- (6) termination of employment as the result of (i) death; (ii) disability; or (iii) Good Reason, as defined in the reporting person's employment agreement with ProAssurance Corporation, or by action of the Compensation Committee of the ProAssurance Corporation Board of Directors. The RSUs will be settled in shares of ProAssurance Common Stock and in cash, with the cash portion being approximately equal to the federal, state, and local taxes.

RSU's are equal in value to one share of Common Stock, are issued under the 2008 Equity Plan and acquired under terms of the ProAssurance Corporation 2011 Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The RSUs will vest upon the sooner of three years of continuous employment, termination of employment by reason of death or disability or for "good reason," or a change of control of the Company. If a participant terminates employment more than twelve months but less than three years from the date of grant, the RSUs will partially vest based on the number of days that the participant was employed in the vesting period. Any RSUs that are unvested on termination of employment will be forfeited. In addition, if a participant withdraws shares purchased for his or her account, matching unvested RSUs will be forfeited. Upon vesting, we will pay the RSUs in shares of our Common Stock from those shares reserved for issuance under the 2008 Equity Plan. Value to be established upon vesting.

- (7) Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of ProAssurance Corporation common stock, issuable from the ProAssurance 2008 Equity Incentive Plan. The RSUs will vest if the reporting person remains continuously employed by ProAssurance or one of its subsidiaries until December 31, 2014 (three years from date of grant). Vesting will accelerate upon termination of employment as the result of (i) death; (ii) disability; or (iii) Good Reason, as defined in the reporting person's employment agreement with ProAssurance Corporation, or by action of the Compensation Committee of the ProAssurance Corporation Board of Directors. The RSUs will be settled in shares of ProAssurance Common Stock and in cash, with the cash portion being approximately equal to the federal, state, and local taxes.

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- (10) These options are fully vested and exercised in their entirety with this transaction.

### Remarks:

\$92.97 was the closing price of a share of ProAssurance stock on the New York Stock Exchange on December 6, 2012

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