Saxon Michael J Form 4 January 14, 2013

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Saxon Michael J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Amtrust Financial Services, Inc. [AFSI]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., 59 MAIDEN

LANE, 6TH FLOOR

01/14/2013

below)

Chief Operating Officer

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of (| ` ′ | 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) | 01/14/2013 | | M | 13,200 | A | \$ 6.36 | 125,509 | D | | |
| Common Stock (1) | 01/14/2013 | | S | 5,688 (2) | D | \$ 30.82 | 119,821 | D | | |
| Common Stock (1) | 01/14/2013 | | S | 691 (2) | D | \$ 31.173 | 119,130 | D | | |

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) | Secu Acqu or D | rities uired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4, | 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 | \$ 6.36 | 01/14/2013 | | M | | 13,200 | 02/09/2007 | 02/09/2016 | Common Stock | 13,200 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Saxon Michael J C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10038

Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Michael J.

Saxon 01/14/2013

**Signature of 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 19, 2011.
- (2) Shares sold to satisfy income tax withholding liabilities and payment of the option exercise price.

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