

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP  
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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 \*  
 STUESSER LAWRENCE

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)  
 147 MILL ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/21/2005

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

NORTH HAMPTON, NH 03862  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/21/2005		S		12,000	D	\$ 23.29
Common Stock	11/22/2005		S		3,000	D	\$ 24.1

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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