#### State Auto Financial CORP Form 3 April 04, 2006 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB APPROVAL OMB Number: 3235-0104

### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting<br>Person <u>*</u><br>TREVOR ALEXANDER B |                    |                           | 2. Date of Event Requiring<br>Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)   | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>State Auto Financial CORP [STFC] |  |                           |  |  |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (Fi  | irst)              | (Middle)                  | 04/03/2006  | 4. Relationshi<br>Person(s) to Is   | p of Reporting<br>ssuer  |                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original<br>Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |  |
| 1987 MY TERN<br><sup>(St</sup><br>SANIBEL, FL                             | reet)              |                           |   | (Check<br>X Director<br>Officer<br>(give title below                            | Other  | Owner                     | <ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group</li> <li>Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting</li> <li>Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One</li> <li>Reporting Person</li> </ul> |  |
| (City) (St  | tate)              | (Zip)                     | Table I - 1   | Non-Derivat   | ive Securiti   | es Be                     | neficially Owned   |  |
| 1.Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4)   |                    |                           | 2. Amount o<br>Beneficially<br>(Instr. 4)   | of Securities<br>v Owned  | 3.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nat<br>Owne<br>(Instr. | *  |  |
| Common Shares   | withou             | t par value               | e 0   |   | D  | Â                         |  |  |
| Reminder: Report or<br>owned directly or in                               | -                  | te line for ea            | ch class of securities benefic  | cially S  | EC 1473 (7-02  | )                         |  |  |
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| Table   | II - Deri          | vative Secu               | rities Beneficially Owned (   | e.g., puts, calls,  | warrants, opt  | tions, c                  | onvertible securities)   |  |

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 3. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) |                        | or Exercise Fo         | 5.<br>Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative | Form of (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|
|   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of | Derivative<br>Security | Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect   |                    |

January 31,

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Expires:

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Estimated average burden hours per

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

# **Reporting Owners**

| <b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>                         | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| TREVOR ALEXANDER B<br>1987 MY TERN COURT<br>SANIBEL, FL 33957 | ÂX            | Â         | Â       | Â     |  |  |
| <b>O</b> !  |               |           |         |       |  |  |

### Signatures

| /s/ Alexander B. Trevor by John R. Lowther, attorney in fact, per POA attached | 04/04/2006 |
|--|------------|
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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