

Port Barry  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Port Barry

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/15/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	02/15/2018		M		1,510	A	\$ 7.96
							122,467
Common Stock	02/15/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,510	D	\$ 26.0218
							<u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	02/15/2018		M		15,445	A	\$ 7.86
							136,402
Common Stock	02/15/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		15,445	D	\$ 26.1004
							<u>(3)</u>
	02/16/2018		M		2,885	A	\$ 7.86
							123,842

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Common  
Stock

Common Stock    02/16/2018    S<sup>(1)</sup>    2,885    D    \$ 26.211  
(4)    120,957    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)	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.96	02/15/2018		M	1,510	10/31/2013 <sup>(5)</sup> 10/31/2022	Common Stock	1,510
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.86	02/15/2018		M	15,445	07/26/2013 <sup>(6)</sup> 07/26/2022	Common Stock	15,445
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.86	02/16/2018		M	2,885	07/26/2013 <sup>(6)</sup> 07/26/2022	Common Stock	2,885

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Port Barry 27101 PUERTA REAL, SUITE 450			Vice President	

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## Signatures

/s/ Chad A. Keetch, as power of attorney

02/20/2018

\_\_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 on December 11, 2017.  
This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$26.00 to \$26.09. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$26.00 to 26.22. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$26.00 to \$26.45. The price above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 7,332 shares, was granted on October 31, 2012 and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on October 31, 2013, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.
- (5) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 18,330 shares, was granted on July 26, 2012 and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on July 26, 2013, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.
- (6)

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