#### RICHARD GREGORY B

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RICHARD GREGORY B	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP [ACR]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify			
111 WESTWOOD PLACE, SUITE 200	11/23/2005	below) below) Exec. V. P. and COO			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - No	on-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	ransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) ode (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) nstr. 8)			of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	11/22/2005		G	V	3,600	D	\$ 0	0	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	11/22/2005		G	V	7,700	D	\$ 0	50,839	D	
Common Stock	11/23/2005		M		34,775	A	\$ 3.14	85,614	D	
Common Stock	11/23/2005		M		8,372	A	\$ 2.3	93,986	D	
Common Stock	11/23/2005		M		6,667	A	\$ 4.9	100,653	D	

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Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	9,100	D	\$ 24	91,553	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	200	D	\$ 24.09	91,353	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	400	D	\$ 24.13	90,953	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	400	D	\$ 24.14	90,553	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	300	D	\$ 24.15	90,253	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	2,600	D	\$ 24.16	87,653	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	1,400	D	\$ 24.18	86,253	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	10,600	D	\$ 24.19	75,653	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	2,200	D	\$ 24.2	73,453	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	400	D	\$ 24.25	73,053	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 24.3	71,753	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	100	D	\$ 24.36	71,653	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	1,314	D	\$ 24.37	70,339	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	5,100	D	\$ 24.5	65,239	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	1,800	D	\$ 24.51	63,439	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	100	D	\$ 24.53	63,339	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	1,800	D	\$ 24.55	61,539	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	2,300	D	\$ 24.56	59,239	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	200	D	\$ 24.57	59,039	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	1,900	D	\$ 24.61	57,139	D
	11/23/2005	S	1,500	D		55,639	D

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Common Stock					\$ 24.62		
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	500	D	\$ 24.63	55,139	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	1,800	D	\$ 24.64	53,339	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	200	D	\$ 24.65	53,139	D
Common Stock	11/23/2005	S	100	D	\$ 24.74	53,039	D

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of actionDerivative Securities 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.14	11/23/2005		M		34,775	11/06/2002(1)	11/06/2011	Common Stock	34,7
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.3	11/23/2005		M		8,372	08/05/2004(2)	08/05/2013	Common Stock	8,37
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.9	11/23/2005		M		6,667	11/03/2004(3)	05/13/2014	Common Stock	6,66

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RICHARD GREGORY B 111 WESTWOOD PLACE, SUITE 200 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

Exec. V. P. and COO

## **Signatures**

Reporting Person

/s/ Gregory B.
Richard

\*\*Signature of 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 option vested in three equal annual installments beginning November 6, 2002.
- (2) The option vests ratably in three annual installments beginning August 5, 2004.
- (3) The option vests ratably in three installments on November 3, 2004, May 3, 2006 and May 3, 2007.

#### **Remarks:**

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