

Welch Ronald Jay
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Welch Ronald Jay

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE CO /TX/ [ANAT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE MOODY PLAZA
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 See Remarks

GALVESTON, TX 77550
 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	03/01/2012		M		1,161	A	\$ 0 2,761	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)

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/01/2012		M	1,161	03/01/2012 ⁽³⁾ ⁽³⁾	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/01/2012		A	3,373	03/01/2013 ⁽⁴⁾ 03/01/2015 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Welch Ronald Jay ONE MOODY PLAZA GALVESTON, TX 77550			See Remarks	

Signatures

Ronald J. Welch 03/02/2012
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) This transaction represents the settlement of vested restricted stock units in shares of common stock.
 - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock.
 - (3) This entire restricted stock unit award vested on March 1, 2012.
- These restricted stock units vest in three substantially equal annual installments, beginning on March 1, 2013, or upon the reporting person's earlier retirement, death or disability. Upon vesting, the reporting person receives a number of shares of the issuer's common stock equal to the number of restricted stock units that have vested.

Remarks:

Senior Executive Vice President, Corporate Risk Officer & Chief Actuary

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