

PROASSURANCE CORP  
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 \*  
CROWE A DERRILL MD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION, 100 BROOKWOOD PLACE

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PROASSURANCE CORP [PRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/05/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 12/05/2007                           |  | G                              | V<br>1,305<br>(1)   | \$<br>54.55   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 55,108  | I  | Trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's minor children |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 20  | I  | Spouse as custodian for minor child                             |

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|              |                       |   |   |
|--------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 488,589               | I | IRA #2 held at Sterne Agee & Leach                      |
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| Common Stock | 78,866                | I | IRA #1 held at Sterne Agee & Leach                      |
| Common Stock | 11,742 <sup>(2)</sup> | I | ProAssurance Group Savings and Retirement Plan [401(k)] |
| Common Stock | 1,285                 | I | Spouse  |
| Common Stock | 1,162,791             | I | Crowe Family Partners, Ltd.                             |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 51.48   |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/10/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/10/2017                     | Common Stock  | 25,000                        |
|  | \$ 51.38   |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/11/2006 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/11/2016                     |   | 25,000                        |

|  |          |                           |            |                 |        |
|--|----------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) |          |                           |            | Common<br>Stock |        |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 41.15 | 09/10/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> | 09/10/2015 | Common<br>Stock | 50,000 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 33.28 | 09/10/2004 <sup>(6)</sup> | 09/10/2014 | Common<br>Stock | 10,000 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 22    | 09/04/2003 <sup>(7)</sup> | 03/04/2013 | Common<br>Stock | 10,000 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 16.8  | 07/15/2002 <sup>(8)</sup> | 01/15/2012 | Common<br>Stock | 20,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer  | Other |
| CROWE A DERRILL MD<br>C/O PROASSURANCE CORPORATION<br>100 BROOKWOOD PLACE<br>BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209-6811 | X             |           | Chairman |       |

## Signatures

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Frank B. O'Neil, POA for A. Derrill Crowe,<br>M.D. | 12/05/2007          |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>     | <small>Date</small> |

## 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) Shares given to adult children of the reporting person
  - (2) These shares were allocated prior to August 29, 2002 and are exempt under Rule 16b-3

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- (3) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2007
- (4) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 11, 2006
- (5) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2005
- (6) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 10, 2004
- (7) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on September 4, 2003
- (8) The options vest in five equal, yearly installments commencing on July 15, 2002

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