

HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORP /DE/  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Wilkinson Thomas		(Month/Day/Year)	HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORP /DE/ [HMN]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/11/2008	
1 HORACE MANN PLAZA			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
SPRINGFIELD, IL Â 62715			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			Executive Vice President	
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	3,983.782 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	844.457	I	0 <sup>(2)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/03/2009	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 15.92	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/11/2012	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 16.28	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	08/08/1988 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/09/2012	Common Stock	10,650	\$ 18.76	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	08/08/1988 <sup>(5)</sup>	03/06/2014	Common Stock	7,924	\$ 20.23	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	08/08/1988 <sup>(6)</sup>	03/05/2015	Common Stock	12,076	\$ 16.81	D	Â
Phantom Stock Units	08/08/1988 <sup>(7)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(7)</sup>	Common Stock	3,180.046	\$ 0 <sup>(8)</sup>	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wilkinson Thomas 1 HORACE MANN PLAZA SPRINGFIELD, IL 62715	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Rhonda R. Armstead, Attorney in Fact for Thomas C. Wilkinson 08/21/2008

\_\_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).
- (1) Represents 3,221.783 restricted stock units and 761.999 shares of Common Stock.
- (2) Held by the Horace Mann Supplemental Retirement & Savings Trust (401(K)).
- (3) The option vested effective June 30, 2004.
- (4) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning March 9, 2006.
- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning March 6, 2008.
- (6) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning March 5, 2009.
- (7) The phantom stock units are estimated based on the market price of Horace Mann Educators Corporation Common Stock and are acquired under the Horace Mann Educators Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for employees which are to be settled 100% in cash on the earlier of the reporting person's retirement date, termination date or a date certain.
- (8) One-for-one.

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