

Gulkowitz Abraham  
Form 4  
February 17, 2012

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Gulkowitz Abraham

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL  
SERVICES, INC., 59 MAIDEN  
LANE, 6TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10038

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.  
[AFSI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/15/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                             |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pr<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>(Instr |                    |                 |                                        |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|----|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                               | (A)                                                            | (D)                                                                 | Date<br>Exercisable               | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |    |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | (1)                                                                   | 02/15/2012                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                                 | 3,000                                                          |                                                                     | (2)                               | (2)                | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                                  | \$ |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                               | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                                              | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gulkowitz Abraham<br>C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.<br>59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10038 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Abraham  
Gulkowitz

02/17/2012

\*\*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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.'s common stock.

Mr. Gulkowitz received restricted stock units representing 3,000 shares subject to a three-year vesting schedule, vesting one-third on each  
(2) of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. As restricted stock units vest, the vested units are automatically converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

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