

COMMERCE GROUP INC /MA  
Form 8-K  
November 08, 2006

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**November 3, 2006**

**THE COMMERCE GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**

(State or other  
jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-13672**

(Commission File  
Number)

**04-2599931**

(IRS Employer  
Identification  
No.)

**211 Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts 01570**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(508) 943-9000**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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**Section 5. Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On November 6, 2006, The Commerce Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release, Lawrence R. Pentis joins The Commerce Group, Inc. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

In this press release, the Company announced that on November 3, 2006 and effective January 3, 2007, Mr. Pentis, age 50, was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company's two other-than-Massachusetts insurance subsidiaries, American Commerce Insurance Company and Commerce West Insurance Company.

**Section 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit      Press Release dated November 6, 2006  
99.1

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**THE COMMERCE GROUP, INC.**  
**November 8, 2006**

/s/ Randall V. Becker

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Randall V. Becker  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer