

MOONE ROBERT H  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
MOONE ROBERT H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORP [STFC]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
518 E. BROAD STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/17/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President, CEO

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares without par value	11/17/2004		M		14,550	A	\$ 5.5
							135,152.699 (1)
Common Shares without par value	11/17/2004		S		1,000	D	\$ 27.99
							134,152.699 (1)
Common Shares without par value	11/17/2004		S		4,000	D	\$ 27.95
							130,152.699 (1)

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) NQ	\$ 5.5	11/17/2004		M	14,550	03/01/1996	02/28/2005	Common Shares	14,550

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOONE ROBERT H 518 E. BROAD STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215			Chairman, President, CEO	

## Signatures

Robert H. Moone  
11/18/2004

\_\_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).

Includes indirect holdings by spouse of 11,400,000 shares. Also includes the following acquisitions: 706,826 shares acquired in May 2004 through the State Auto Financial Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan; 34,708 shares acquired in June 2004 under the dividend reinvestment feature of the STFC Employee Stock Purchase Plan; 1,118 shares acquired in June 2004 under the STFC Dividend Reinvestment Plan; 41,398 shares acquired in September 2004 under the dividend reinvestment feature of the STFC Employee Stock Purchase Plan, and 1,335 shares acquired in September 2004 under the STFC Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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