

HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
July 13, 2006

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report: July 13, 2006**

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**HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation)

**1-10890**  
(Commission File Number)

**37-0911756**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

**1 Horace Mann Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62715-0001**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 217-789-2500**

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

Effective July 13, 2006, the Company's Board of Directors elected Roger J. Steinbecker to hold office as Director until the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders. There is no special arrangement or understanding between Mr. Steinbecker and any other person under which he was selected to serve as a Director. Mr. Steinbecker was appointed to serve on the Board's Investment & Finance Committee and Audit Committee.

Prior to his retirement in 2001, Mr. Steinbecker served as a Managing Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Mr. Steinbecker has over 40 years of experience in the accounting and auditing profession.

**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.

HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Bret A. Conklin  
Name: Bret A. Conklin  
Title: Senior Vice President & Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: July 13, 2006