

FRIEDMAN HOWARD H
Form 4
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

- Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i></p> <p>Friedman, Howard H</p> | <p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>ProAssurance Corporation (PRA)</p> | <p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity <i>(Voluntary)</i></p> |
| <p>100 Brookwood Place</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Street)</i></p> <p>Birmingham, AL 35209</p> <p><i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i></p> | <p>4. Statement for <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i></p> <p>3/05/03</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i></p> |
| <p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer <i>(Check All Applicable)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary</p> | <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> | |

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* instruction 4(b)(v).

Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i> | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 3a. Deemed Execution Date, if any <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 4. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i> | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i> |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 22.00 | 3/04/03 | | A | 25,000 |

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(3) - The options vest in five equal installments commencing on September 4, 2003.

By: /s/ Frank B. O'Neil
Attorney-in-fact of the
Reporting Person

3/05/03

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Victor T. Adamo, Howard Friedman, and Frank O. Neil, and each of them, with full power of substitution and/or revocation, the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact:

(1) to execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of ProAssurance Corporation (the Company), any and all forms (including, without limitation, Form 3, Form 4 and Form 5) required or desired to be executed by or on behalf of the undersigned in accordance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder (the Forms);

(2) to do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form and timely file such Form with the appropriate governmental authority (including, without limitation, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission) and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) to take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by any such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, and each of them, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms in accordance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder, with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of December 31, 2001.

Signed /s/ Howard H. Friedman

Print Name: Howard H. Friedman