

LAROCCO MICHAEL  
Form 4/A  
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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 \*  
LAROCCO MICHAEL

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

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
State Auto Financial CORP [STFC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  
03/02/2018

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 | 03/01/2018                           |  | A                              |   | 8,363 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A  | \$ 0 49,531.68 <sup>(2)</sup>     | D |
| Common Shares withou Par Value  | 03/01/2018                           |  | A                              |   | 20,000 <sup>(3)</sup>   | A  | \$ 0 69,531.68                    | D |

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

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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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| LAROCCO MICHAEL<br>518 E. BROAD STREET<br>COLUMBUS, OH 43215 | X             |           | President, CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/Michael E.LaRocco by Melissa A.Centers, attorney in fact pursuant to POA filed with Commission 2/23/16.

03/05/2018

\_\_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) Represents a Restricted Stock Grant of 8,363 shares issued on 3/1/18, which has a time-based vesting over a 3 year period, with 1/3 vesting each year on December 31.
- (2) Includes the following acquisitions: 346.583 shares acquired in December 2017 through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan; 39.388 shares acquired in September 2017 and 35.884 shares acquired in December 2017 through the State Auto Financial 401(k) Plan; 119.6277 and 111.4375 shares acquired through Restricted Dividend Reinvestment; 325.663 shares acquired through Broker as dividend reinvestment.
- (3) Represents a Deferred Stock Unit Award of 20,000 shares issued on 3/1/18 which vests over a 3 year period, with 1/3 vesting each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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