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February 24, 2003

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

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

- [] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.
- Name and Address of Reporting Person(s) DE SABATO, ANTHONY A.
 450 WINKS LANE

BENSALEM, PA 19020

- Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARMING SHOPPES, INC. (CHRS)
- 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
 2/21/03
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 - [] Director [] 10% Owner
 - [X] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below)
 - EVP and Corporate Director of

Human Resources

- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 - [X] Form filed by One Reporting Person
 - $\left[\ \right]$ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner	Table I	Non-Derivative	Securities	Acquired,	Disposed	of,	or	Beneficially	Owne
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1) Title of Security	2)Trans- action Date (Month/	action Code	- 4.Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of (D) A or			
	Day/Year) 	Code V	Amount	D 	Price	
Common Stock	02/21/03	F	674	D	\$3.25000	

Table II	(PART 1)	Derivative Securit	ies Acquired,	Disposed of,	or Beneficially	Owned (Col	umns 1

1)Title of Derivative	2)Conversion	3)Trans-	4)Trans-	5)Number of Deri	ivative
Security	or Exercise	action	action	Securities Acqui	ired (A)
	Price of	Date	Code	or Disposed of	(D)
	Derivative				
	Security		Code V	A	D

Table II (PART 2)	Derivative Se	ecurities	Acquired,	Disposed	of, or	Beneficially	Owned	(Columns 1
1)Title of Derivati Security		,	7)Title ar					8)Price of Deri-

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	Date	Securities		vative
			Amount or	Security
			Number of	
-		Title	Shares	