

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
 DEVEREAUX DAVID R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC [BEV]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/13/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Am Underlying Sec
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A	N	SH
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.35	03/13/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	J				03/14/2006	02/20/2011	\$ .10 Par Value Common Stock			
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.25	03/13/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	J				03/14/2006	02/16/2010	Common Stock			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.95	03/13/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	J				03/14/2006	02/13/2012	\$ .10 Par Value Common Stock			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.35	03/13/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	J				03/14/2006	02/20/2011	\$ .10 Par Value Common Stock			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.48	03/13/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	J				03/14/2006	06/01/2011	\$ .10 Par Value Common Stock			

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEVEREAUX DAVID R ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY FORT SMITH, AR 72919			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	

## Signatures

By: Brenda Boster, by Power of Attorney For: David R. Devereaux

03/14/2006

\*\*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) In accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement entered into by and between Beverly Enterprises, Inc. and Pearl Senior Care, LLC et al. the stock options were cancelled and the Reporting Person received the difference between the option price and the merger consideration of \$12.50 per share. The date referenced in the transactions was only for clerical purposes to get all of the transactions

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entered, however, nothing was paid out until the actual closing date of March 14, 2006.

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