

SMITH ROBERT M JR  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SMITH ROBERT M JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DELPHI FINANCIAL GROUP  
INC/DE [DFG]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/09/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

C/O DELPHI CAPITAL  
MANAGEMENT, INC., 590  
MADISON AVE., 30TH FL  
  
(Street)

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

NEW YORK, NY 10022  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/09/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 4,209 A \$ 32.3593  | 6,198  | D   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/09/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 4,209 D \$ 53.25  | 1,989  | D   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/09/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 22,950 A \$ 20.8333   | 24,939   | D   |

Class A  
Common Stock 05/09/2006 S 22,950 D \$ 53.27 1,989 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 32.3593   | 05/09/2006                           |  | M                              | 4,209   | 01/21/2000 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/21/2009                     | Class A Common Stock  | 4,209                      |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 20.8333   | 05/09/2006                           |  | M                              | 22,950  | 09/20/2000 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/20/2009                     | Class A Common Stock  | 22,950                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| SMITH ROBERT M JR<br>C/O DELPHI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.<br>590 MADISON AVE., 30TH FL<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 | X             |           | Executive Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Chad W. Coulter, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert M. Smith, Jr. 05/10/2006

\_\_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) The options vested in five equal annual installments beginning on January 21, 2000.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The options vested in five equal annual installments beginning on September 20, 2000.

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