

Rafferty John J
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Rafferty John J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O EXPRESS, INC., 1 EXPRESS DRIVE
 (Street)

COLUMBUS, OH 43230

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EXPRESS, INC. [EXPR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/18/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 EVP - Planning and Allocation

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	02/18/2011		A	(A) or (D)	13,000 (1) 465,583	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)

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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	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.51	02/18/2011		A	25,000	(3) 02/18/2021	Common Stock, par value \$0.01		25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rafferty John J C/O EXPRESS, INC. 1 EXPRESS DRIVE COLUMBUS, OH 43230			EVP - Planning and Allocation	

Signatures

/s/ Lacey J. Bundy, Attorney
in Fact 02/23/2011

__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) These shares represent restricted stock units that are to be settled in common stock upon vesting. One quarter of the restricted stock units will vest on February 18, 2012, and one quarter of the restricted stock units will vest on that date in 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (2) The restricted stock units were granted and no price was paid therefor.
- (3) One quarter of the options will vest on February 18, 2012, and one quarter will vest on that date in 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (4) The options were granted and no price was paid therefor.

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