#### KAESTNER H TODD

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KAESTNER H TODD	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP [ACR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)  111 WESTWOOD PLACE, SUITE 200	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/25/2005	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec. V. P Corp. Develop.		
(Street) BRENTWOOD, TN 37027	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative (	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed 4 and 5 (A) or	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	11/25/2005		Code V S	Amount 11,400	(D)	Price \$ 24	180,957	D	
Common Stock	11/25/2005		S	400	D	\$ 24.02	180,557	D	
Common Stock	11/25/2005		S	100	D	\$ 24.03	180,457	D	
Common Stock	11/25/2005		S	800	D	\$ 24.04	179,657	D	
Common Stock	11/25/2005		S	900	D	\$ 24.05	178,757	D	

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Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	600	D	\$ 24.06	178,157	D
Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	200	D	\$ 24.07	177,957	D
Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	600	D	\$ 24.08	177,357	D
Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	200	D	\$ 24.1	177,157	D
Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	500	D	\$ 24.11	176,657	D
Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	100	D	\$ 24.12	176,557	D
Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	200	D	\$ 24.13	176,357	D
Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	100	D	\$ 24.14	176,257	D
Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	900	D	\$ 24.15	175,357	D
Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 24.17	174,257	D
Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	4,900	D	\$ 24.18	169,357	D
Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	300	D	\$ 24.19	169,057	D
Common Stock	11/25/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 24.2	168,057	D
Common Stock	11/28/2005	S	1,500	D	\$ 24	166,557	D
Common Stock	11/28/2005	S	100	D	\$ 24.03	166,457	D
Common Stock	11/28/2005	S	300	D	\$ 24.04	166,157	D
Common Stock	11/28/2005	S	1,700	D	\$ 24.05	164,457	D
Common Stock	11/28/2005	S	900	D	\$ 24.2	163,557	D
Common Stock	11/28/2005	S	100	D	\$ 24.21	163,457	D
Common Stock	11/28/2005	S	200	D	\$ 24.22	163,257	D
	11/28/2005	S	3,700	D		159,557	D

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Common Stock					\$ 24.23		
Common Stock	11/28/2005	S	200	D	\$ 24.24	159,357	D
Common Stock	11/28/2005	S	400	D	\$ 24.26	158,957	D
Common Stock	11/28/2005	S	300	D	\$ 24.39	158,657	D
Common Stock	11/28/2005	S	2,300	D	\$ 24.47	156,357	D

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

KAESTNER H TODD 111 WESTWOOD PLACE, SUITE 200 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

Exec. V. P. - Corp. Develop.

### **Signatures**

/s/ H. Todd Kaestner 11/29/2005

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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