

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-3**  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**ALLSTATE FINANCING III**  
**ALLSTATE FINANCING IV**  
**ALLSTATE FINANCING V**  
**ALLSTATE FINANCING VI**

(Exact Name of each registrant as specified in its certificate of trust)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**36-3871531**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of organization of the trusts)

**36-7244276**

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(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**2775 Sanders Road**  
**Northbrook, Illinois 60062**  
**(847) 402-5000**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**c/o The Allstate Corporation**  
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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

**Title Of Each Class Of  
Securities To Be Registered**

**Amount To Be Registered/  
Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit/  
Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price/  
Amount of Registration Fee**

Debt Securities of The Allstate Corporation

Common Stock of The Allstate Corporation

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Preferred Stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of The Allstate Corporation

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Depository Shares of The Allstate Corporation(2)

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Warrants(3) (1)

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Stock Purchase Contracts of The Allstate Corporation

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Stock Purchase Units of The Allstate Corporation(4)

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Preferred Securities of Allstate Financing III, IV, V and VI(5)

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Guarantee of Preferred Securities of Allstate Financing III, IV, V and VI by The Allstate Corporation and certain backup undertakings(6)

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- (1) An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price or number of securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be issued at indeterminate prices. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable on exercise, conversion or exchange of other securities or that are issued in units or represented by depository shares. In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrants are deferring payment of all of the registration fee, except for \$56,630 that has already been paid with respect to \$700,000,000 aggregate initial offering price of securities that were previously registered pursuant to Registration Statement No. 333-108253, and were not sold thereunder. Pursuant to Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act of 1933, such unutilized filing fee may be applied to the filing fee payable pursuant to this Registration Statement.
  - (2) Each depository share registered hereunder will be issued under a deposit agreement and will represent a fractional interest in debt securities or shares of either common stock or preferred stock.
  - (3) Warrants may be sold separately or with debt securities, preferred stock or common stock or other securities registered hereunder.
  - (4) Any stock purchase units to be offered hereunder will consist of a stock purchase contract and (i) debt securities, (ii) depository shares, (iii) debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury Securities, or (iv) preferred securities of our subsidiary trusts.
  - (5) Preferred securities that may be sold severally from time to time by Allstate Financing III, Allstate Financing IV, Allstate Financing V and Allstate Financing VI.
  - (6) The guarantees include the rights of holders of the preferred securities under the guarantees and certain backup undertakings, comprised of obligations of The Allstate Corporation under the Subordinated Indenture and the Supplemental Indentures thereto and under the Declarations of Trust of each of Allstate Financing III, IV, V and VI, each as described in the Registration Statement. Pursuant to Rule 457(n), no separate registration fee will be paid in respect of any such guarantees.
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# THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

**Debt Securities  
Common Stock  
Preferred Stock  
Depository Shares  
Warrants  
Stock Purchase Contracts  
Stock Purchase Units**

ALLSTATE FINANCING III  
ALLSTATE FINANCING IV

ALLSTATE FINANCING V  
ALLSTATE FINANCING VI

**Trust Preferred Securities  
Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed  
as described in this Prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement  
by The Allstate Corporation**

By this prospectus, we, in conjunction with our trusts, may offer from time to time any combination of the securities described in this prospectus.

We will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. We can only use this prospectus to offer and sell any specific security by also including a prospectus supplement for that security. You should read this prospectus and the prospectus supplements carefully before you invest.

Unless stated otherwise in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement, these securities will not be listed on any securities exchange.

**Investing in our securities or the securities of our trusts involves risks. See "Risk Factors" on page i of this prospectus.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is May 18, 2006

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we and Allstate Financing III, Allstate Financing IV, Allstate Financing V and Allstate Financing VI, which we refer to as the trusts, have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission using a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf process, we and the trusts may sell the securities described in the prospectus from time to time. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we and the trusts may offer. We and the trusts may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus through one or more supplements to this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information."

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations, other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by The Allstate Corporation or the trusts, or any underwriter, agent, dealer or remarketing firm. Neither the delivery of this prospectus nor any sale made hereunder shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of The Allstate Corporation since the date hereof or that the information contained or incorporated by reference herein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of such information. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

References to "Allstate," "we," "us" and "our" in this prospectus are references to The Allstate Corporation, and not to any of our subsidiaries, unless we state otherwise or the context otherwise requires.

## RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities or the securities of our trusts involves risks. You should carefully consider the risks described in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission referred to below in "Where You Can Find More Information" as well as those included in any prospectus supplement hereto. For example, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 contains a discussion of significant risks in the "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" section under the heading "Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors" which could be relevant to your investment in the securities. Our subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission may contain amended and updated discussions of significant risks.

## THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

We are a holding company that conducts most of our business through our subsidiaries Allstate Insurance Company, or AIC, and Allstate Life Insurance Company. We are the nation's largest publicly held personal lines insurance company and the second largest personal property and casualty insurer. Our main business segments include Allstate Protection and Allstate Financial. Allstate Protection has approximately 14,100 exclusive agencies and exclusive financial professionals in the United States and Canada. It also includes our Encompass and Deerbrook brand property and casualty products sold exclusively through approximately 13,000 independent agencies across the country. Allstate Financial provides life and supplemental accident and health insurance, annuity, banking and retirement products designed for individual, institutional and worksite customers that are distributed through Allstate agencies, independent agencies, financial institutions and broker-dealers, and is the nation's 13th largest life insurance business based on ordinary life insurance in force.

We were incorporated in Delaware on November 5, 1992. Our executive offices are located at 2775 Sanders Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, and at Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. Our telephone number is (847) 402-5000.

As a holding company with no significant business operations of our own, we rely on dividends from AIC as the principal source of cash to pay dividends to our stockholders and to meet our obligations, including the payment of principal of and any interest on our debt obligations. AIC is regulated as an insurance company in Illinois. Under Illinois law, AIC may not pay a dividend without notifying the Illinois Division of Insurance and providing specified financial information. Furthermore, Illinois law requires AIC to notify and receive approval from the Director of the Illinois Division of Insurance for the declaration or payment of any dividend which, together with other dividends or distributions made within the preceding twelve months, exceeds the greater of:

- 10% of AIC's statutory surplus as of December 31 of the prior year; or
- AIC's statutory net income for the twelve-month period ending December 31 of the prior year.

The laws of other jurisdictions that generally govern our insurance subsidiaries contain similar limitations on the payment of dividends; however, in some jurisdictions the laws may be somewhat more restrictive.

## THE TRUSTS

The four trusts, Allstate Financing III, IV, V and VI, are Delaware statutory trusts formed to raise capital for us by issuing common securities to us and preferred securities issued under this prospectus and a prospectus supplement, and investing the proceeds in subordinated debt securities issued by us.

We will directly or indirectly own all of the common securities of each of our trust subsidiaries. The common securities will rank equally with, and each trust will make payments on the common securities in proportion to, the trust preferred securities, except that if an event of default occurs under the declaration of one of the trusts, our rights, as holder of the common securities, to payments will be subordinated to your rights as holder of the trust preferred securities.

Each of our trusts has a term of approximately 55 years, but may terminate earlier as provided in its declaration, each declaration being governed by Delaware law. As holder of the common securities of the trusts, we are entitled to appoint, remove or replace any of, or increase or decrease the number of, the trustees of each of our trusts. Each of our trusts' business and affairs will be conducted by the trustees we appoint. The trustees' duties and obligations are governed by the trusts' declarations and applicable law. Prior to the issuance of any trust preferred securities, we will ensure that a majority of the trustees of the applicable trust are persons who are our employees or officers or affiliates and that one trustee of each trust is a financial institution that will not be an affiliate of ours and that will act as

property trustee, guarantee trustee and indenture trustee for purposes of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. In addition, unless the property trustee maintains a principal place of business in the State of Delaware and meets the other requirements of applicable law, one other trustee of each of our trusts will have its principal place of business or reside in the State of Delaware.

We will pay all of our trusts' fees and expenses, including those relating to any offering of trust preferred securities. In addition, we will guarantee payments on the trust preferred securities to the extent our trusts can themselves make payments on the trust preferred securities.

The name and office of the Delaware trustee for each trust in the State of Delaware is Delaware Trust Company, National Association, as successor in interest to Wachovia Bank of Delaware National Association (as successor in interest to Delaware Trust Capital Management, Inc.), 300 Delaware Ave., 9th Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. The principal place of business of each trust is 2775 Sanders Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. The telephone number of each trust in Northbrook, Illinois is (847) 402-5000.

#### **RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS**

The following table shows the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for Allstate and its subsidiaries for the periods indicated:

|  | For the three<br>months ended<br>March 31,<br>2006 | For the year ended December 31, |      |      |      |      |
|--|--|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
|  |  | 2005                            | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(1)(2) | 3.9X   | 1.8X                            | 3.0X | 2.6X | 1.7X | 1.6X |

- (1) We have authority to issue up to 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share; however, there are currently no shares outstanding and we do not have a preferred stock dividend obligation. Therefore, the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends is equal to the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and is not disclosed separately.
- (2) For purposes of this computation, earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income tax expense and dividends on preferred securities. Fixed charges consist of interest expense, including interest credited to contractholder funds, amortization of financing costs, that portion of rental expense that is representative of the interest factor and dividends on redeemable preferred securities.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, we will use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities for general corporate purposes. Each trust will invest all proceeds received from the sale of its trust preferred securities in a particular series of subordinated debt securities to be issued by us.

## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description of the debt securities and terms of the indentures is a summary. It summarizes only those aspects of the debt securities and those portions of the indentures which we believe will be most important to your decision to invest in our debt securities. You should keep in mind, however, that it is the indentures, and not this summary, which define your rights as a debtholder. There may be other provisions in the indentures which are also important to you. You should read the indentures for a full description of the terms of the debt. The senior indenture and the subordinated indenture are filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement that includes this prospectus. See "Where You Can Find More Information" for information on how to obtain copies of the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture.

The debt securities may be issued from time to time in one or more series. The particular terms of the debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement and the extent to which the general provisions described below may apply to such debt securities will be outlined in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We will issue the senior debt securities under a Senior Indenture, entered into between Allstate and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company), as trustee, dated December 16, 1997, as amended by a third supplemental indenture dated as of July 23, 1999 and as amended by a sixth supplemental indenture dated as of June 12, 2000 and as may be supplemented by one or more additional supplemental indentures. We will issue the subordinated debt securities under a separate Subordinated Indenture, entered into between Allstate and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company), as trustee, dated November 25, 1996, as amended by a third supplemental indenture dated as of July 23, 1999 and as amended by a fourth supplemental indenture dated as of June 12, 2000 and as may be supplemented by one or more additional supplemental indentures. The Senior Indenture and the Subordinated Indenture are sometimes referred to collectively as the "indentures." The trustees under the Senior Indenture and under the Subordinated Indenture are referred to herein as the "indenture trustees."

In addition, as described under "Description of Depositary Shares", we may, at our option, offer depositary shares evidenced by depositary receipts, each representing a fractional interest in debt securities and deposited with a depositary. The fractional interest in the debt securities which each depositary share represents will be stated in the prospectus supplement relating to any debt securities offered through depositary shares.

Numerical references in parentheses below are to sections in the applicable indenture. Wherever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of an indenture, those sections or defined terms are incorporated by reference in this description as part of the statement made, and the statement is qualified in its entirety by such reference.

### General

The indentures provide that we may issue debt securities in separate series from time to time in an unlimited amount. We may specify a maximum aggregate principal amount for the debt securities of any series. (Section 301) The debt securities will have terms and provisions that are not inconsistent with the applicable indenture, including our determination as to maturity, principal and interest. Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, the senior debt securities will be our unsecured obligations and will rank on a parity with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The subordinated debt securities will be our unsecured obligations, subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all our senior debt as described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Our assets consist primarily of the common stock of AIC and other subsidiaries, and we conduct no substantial business or operations of our own. We derive substantially all of our income from our



operating subsidiaries. Accordingly, our cash flows and consequent ability to service our obligations, including our debt securities, are dependent upon the earnings of our subsidiaries, and distributions of those earnings to us, and other payments or distributions of funds by our subsidiaries to us.

Except to the extent we or our creditors have a priority or equal claim as a creditor directly against our subsidiaries, payments due on the debt securities and any distribution of assets of any of our subsidiaries upon liquidation or reorganization effectively will be subordinated to the debt and preferred stock of the subsidiaries because, as the common stockholder of those subsidiaries, we will be subject to the prior claims of their creditors. Our debt securities effectively will also be subordinated to any of our secured indebtedness to the extent of any such security.

If subordinated debt securities are issued to a trust in connection with the issuance of trust preferred securities, such subordinated debt securities may thereafter be distributed pro rata to the holders of such trust securities in connection with the dissolution of such trust upon the occurrence of certain events described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We will prepare a prospectus supplement for each series of debt securities that we issue. Each prospectus supplement will set forth the applicable terms of the debt securities to which it relates. These terms will include some or all of the following:

- the title of the debt securities;
- any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities or the series of which they are a part;
- the person to whom any interest on any of the debt securities will be payable, if other than the person in whose name that debt security is registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest payment;
- the dates on which the principal of any of the debt securities will be payable;
- the rates at which the debt securities will bear interest, the dates from which any interest will accrue, the interest payment dates on which any interest will be payable and the record date for any such interest payable;
- the places where the principal, interest and premium on any of such debt securities will be payable;
- the periods within which, the prices at which and the terms on which any debt securities may be redeemed at our option and, if other than by a resolution by our Board of Directors, the manner in which any election by us to redeem the debt securities will be evidenced;
- any obligation we have to redeem or purchase any of the debt securities out of any sinking fund or, at the option of the holder, the periods within which, the prices and terms on which any of such debt securities will be redeemed or purchased;
- the denominations in which any of the debt securities will be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof;
- if the amount of principal, interest or premium on any of the debt securities may be determined with reference to an index or by a formula, the manner in which such amounts will be determined;
- if other than the currency of the United States, the currency, currencies or currency units in which the principal, interest or premium on any of the debt securities will be payable;
- if the principal, interest or premium on any of the debt securities is to be payable, at our election or the election of the holder, in one or more currencies other than those in which the

debt securities are stated to be payable, the currencies in which payment of the principal, interest and premium on the debt securities as to which such election is made will be payable, the periods within which and the terms upon which such election is to be made and the amount so payable;

- if other than the entire principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of debt securities which will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof;
- if the principal amount payable at the stated maturity of any of the debt securities is not determinable upon original issuance, the amount which will be deemed to be the principal amount of the debt securities for any other purpose thereunder or under the applicable indenture including the principal amount thereof which will be due and payable upon any maturity other than the stated maturity or which will be deemed to be outstanding as of any date (or, in any such case, any manner in which such principal amount is to be determined);
- any trustee (other than U.S. Bank National Association), depository, authenticating or paying agent, transfer agent, registrar or other agent with respect to the debt securities;
- if applicable, the extent to which the debt securities are defeasible, that is, capable of being made void;
- whether any of the debt securities will be issuable in the form of global securities;
- the terms and conditions of any obligation or right we would have or any option you would have to convert or exchange the debt securities into other securities or cash;
- any addition to or change in the events of default applicable to any of the debt securities and any change in the right of an indenture trustee or the holders to declare the principal amount of any debt securities due and payable;
- any addition to or change in the covenants described under "Certain Covenants with Respect to Senior Debt Securities" and "Certain Covenants with Respect to Subordinated Debt Securities" applicable to any of such debt securities; and
- any other terms of the debt securities not inconsistent with the provisions of the applicable indenture but which may modify or delete any provision of the indenture insofar as it applies to such series; provided that no term of any indenture may be modified or deleted if imposed under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and that any modification or deletion of the rights, duties or immunities of the applicable indenture trustee shall have been consented to in writing by the indenture trustee.

(Section 301)

Debt securities, including original issue discount securities, may be sold at a substantial discount below their principal amount. Special United States federal income tax considerations applicable to debt securities sold at an original issue discount or which are denominated in a currency or currency unit other than United States dollars will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### **Form, Exchange And Transfer**

The debt securities of a series shall be issued as registered securities, unless a supplemental indenture, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement, provides that debt securities of a series may be issued as bearer securities (with or without coupons attached) or as both registered securities and bearer securities. Debt securities may be issuable in the form of global debt securities, as described below under "Global Securities."

Registered securities of any series will be exchangeable for other registered securities of the same series of any authorized denominations and of a like aggregate principal amount and tenor. If the supplemental indenture permits debt securities of any series to be issuable as both registered securities and as bearer securities, then at the option of the holder and subject to the terms of the applicable indenture, bearer securities of such series will be exchangeable for registered securities of the same series of any authorized denominations and of a like aggregate principal amount and tenor. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, any bearer security surrendered in exchange for a registered security between a record date or a special record date for defaulted interest and the relevant date for payment of interest will be surrendered without the coupon relating to such date for payment of interest and interest represented by that coupon will not be payable in respect of the registered security issued in exchange for such bearer security, but will be payable only to the holder of such coupon when due in accordance with the terms of the applicable indenture. Bearer securities will not be issued in exchange for registered securities.

No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith. Such transfer or exchange will be effected upon the security registrar or such transfer agent, as the case may be, being satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. We have appointed the applicable indenture trustee as security registrar. Any transfer agent (in addition to the security registrar) initially designated by us for any debt securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. (Section 305)

At any time, we may designate additional transfer agents or rescind the designation of any transfer agent or approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for the debt securities of each series. (Section 1002)

In the event that we redeem in part debt securities of any series, we will not be required to:

- issue, register the transfer of or exchange any debt security of that series, or of that series and specified terms, as the case may be, during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 business days before the day of mailing of a notice of redemption of any such debt security selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing; or
- register the transfer of or exchange any debt security so selected for redemption, in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any such debt security being redeemed in part.

(Section 305)

### **Global Securities**

The debt securities of any series may be represented by global securities which will have an aggregate principal amount equal to that of the debt securities they represent. We will deposit the debt securities with, or on behalf of, a depository identified in the prospectus supplement relating to such series. Each global security will bear a legend regarding the restrictions on exchanges and registration of transfer as may be provided by the indentures. The depository shall at all times be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. (Section 101)

No global security may be exchanged for debt securities registered, and no transfer of a global security may be registered, in the name of any person other than the depository for such global security unless:

- the depository has notified us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for such global security or has ceased to be qualified to act as such as required by the applicable indenture;

- there shall have occurred and be continuing an event of default with respect to the debt securities represented by such global security; or
- there shall exist such circumstances as may be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

All debt securities issued in exchange for a global security or any portion thereof will be registered in such names as the depositary may direct. (Section 305) The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of debt securities take physical delivery of such debt securities in definitive form. Such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

As long as the depositary, or its nominee, is the registered holder of a global security, the depositary or such nominee, will be considered the sole owner and holder of such global security and the debt securities represented by it. Except in the limited circumstances referred to above, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to have such global security or any debt securities represented thereby registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificated debt securities in exchange therefor and will not be considered to be the owners or holders of such global security or any debt securities represented thereby for any purpose under the debt securities or the applicable indenture. All payments of principal, interest and premium on a global security will be made to the depositary or its nominee, as its holder.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be limited to participants or to persons that may hold beneficial interests through institutions that have accounts with the depositary or its nominee. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be shown only on, and the transfer of those ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the depositary or any such participant. Payments, transfers, exchanges and other matters relating to beneficial interests in a global security may be subject to various policies and procedures adopted by the depositary from time to time. Neither Allstate, any indenture trustee or any agent of Allstate or of any indenture trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the depositary or any participant's records relating to, or for payments made on account of, beneficial interests in a global security, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of the depositary's records or any participant's records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

### **Payment And Paying Agents**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, payment of interest on a debt security on any interest payment date will be made to the person in whose name such debt security is registered at the close of business on the record date for such interest, except in the case of defaulted interest. (Section 307)

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, principal, interest and premium on the debt securities of a particular series will be payable at the office of such paying agent or paying agents as we may designate for such purpose from time to time. Notwithstanding, at our option, payment of any interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as such address appears in the security register.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, a paying agent designated by us and located in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York will act as paying agent for payments with respect to debt securities of each series. All paying agents initially designated by us for the debt securities of a particular series will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may at any time designate additional paying agents or rescind the designation of any paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a paying agent in each place of payment for the debt securities of a particular series. (Section 1002)

All moneys paid by us to a paying agent for the payment of the principal, interest or premium on any debt security which remain unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal, premium or interest has become due and payable will be repaid to us upon request, and the holder of such debt security thereafter may look only to us for payment thereof. (Section 1003)

### **Conversion or Exchange**

We may convert or exchange the debt securities into our common stock or other securities. If so, we will describe the specific terms on which the debt securities may be converted or exchanged in the applicable prospectus supplement. The conversion or exchange may be mandatory, at your option, or at our option. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the manner in which the shares of our common stock or other securities you would receive would be converted or exchanged.

### **Subordination of Subordinated Debt Securities**

Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, the following provisions will apply to the subordinated debt securities.

To the extent set forth in the Subordinated Indenture, the subordinated debt securities will be subordinate in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all senior indebtedness. (Section 1401 of the Subordinated Indenture) In the event of an insolvency, the holders of senior indebtedness shall be entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts due or to become due in respect of all senior indebtedness (or provisions shall be made for such payment in cash) before the holders of subordinated debt securities are entitled to receive any distribution on account of principal, interest or premium on subordinated debt securities. Consequently, the holders of senior indebtedness shall be entitled to receive all distributions of any kind which may be deliverable in respect of the subordinated debt securities in any insolvency, including any distribution which may be deliverable by reason of the payment of any of our other indebtedness being subordinated to the payment of subordinated debt securities. The holders of senior indebtedness shall apply such distributions to the payment of the senior indebtedness.

"Insolvency" means any of the following events:

- any insolvency or bankruptcy case or proceeding, or any receivership, liquidation, reorganization or other similar case or proceeding, relative to us or to our creditors, or to our assets; or
- any liquidation, dissolution or other winding-up of Allstate, whether or not involving insolvency or bankruptcy; or
- any assignment for the benefit of creditors or any other marshaling of our assets and liabilities. (Section 1403 of the Subordinated Indenture)

By reason of such subordination, in the event of liquidation or insolvency, our creditors may recover less, ratably, than holders of senior debt securities and may recover more, ratably, than the holders of the subordinated debt securities.

In the event of the acceleration of the maturity of any subordinated debt securities, the holders of all senior debt securities outstanding at the time of such acceleration will first be entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts due on the senior debt securities before the holders of the subordinated debt securities will be entitled to receive any payment of principal, interest or premium on the subordinated debt securities. (Section 1404 of the Subordinated Indenture)

No payment of principal, interest or premium on the subordinated debt securities is permitted if any of our senior indebtedness is not paid when due and any applicable grace period with respect to such default has ended and such default has not been cured or waived or ceased to exist, or if the

maturity of any of our senior indebtedness has been accelerated because of a default. (Section 1402 of the Subordinated Indenture)

The Subordinated Indenture does not limit or prohibit the issuance of additional senior debt securities, which may include indebtedness that is senior to the subordinated debt securities, but subordinate to our other obligations.

The term "Senior Indebtedness" means, with respect to Allstate:

- the principal, interest and premium in respect of our indebtedness for borrowed money and indebtedness evidenced by securities, debentures, bonds or other similar instruments issued by us;
- all of our capital lease obligations;
- all of our obligations issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property, all of our conditional sale obligations and all of our obligations under any title retention agreement (but excluding trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business);
- all of our obligations for the reimbursement on any letter of credit, banker's acceptance, security purchase facility or similar credit transaction;
- all obligations of the types referred to above of other persons for the payment of which we are responsible or liable as obligor, guarantor or otherwise; and
- all obligations of the types referred to above of other persons secured by any lien on any of our property or assets whether or not such obligation is assumed by us, except for:
  - any such indebtedness that is by its terms subordinated to or ranks equal with the subordinated debt securities; and
  - any indebtedness between or among us or our affiliates (including all other debt securities and guarantees in respect of those debt securities) issued to any of our wholly owned trust subsidiaries or any trust, partnership or other entity affiliated with us that is our financing vehicle in connection with the issuance by such financing entity of preferred securities unless otherwise expressly provided in the terms of such debt securities.

Such senior indebtedness shall continue to be senior indebtedness and be entitled to the benefits of the subordination provisions irrespective of any amendment, modification or waiver of any term of such senior indebtedness. (Sections 101 and 1408 of the Subordinated Indenture)

The prospectus supplement may further describe the provisions applicable to the subordination of the subordinated debt securities of a particular series.

#### **Certain Covenants With Respect To Senior Debt Securities**

*Limitation on Liens of Stock of AIC.* The Senior Indenture prohibits us and our subsidiaries from directly or indirectly creating, assuming, incurring or permitting to exist any indebtedness secured by any lien on the capital stock of AIC unless the senior debt securities shall be secured equally and ratably with such indebtedness for at least the time period such indebtedness is so secured. (Section 1008 of the Senior Indenture)

"Indebtedness" is defined in the Senior Indenture as the principal, premium and interest due on indebtedness of a person, whether outstanding on the date of such indenture or thereafter created, incurred or assumed, which is indebtedness for borrowed money, and any amendments, renewals,

extensions, modifications and refundings of any such indebtedness. For purposes of this definition, "indebtedness for borrowed money" means:

- any obligation of, or any obligation guaranteed by, such person for the repayment of borrowed money, whether or not evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other written instruments;
- any obligation of, or any such obligation guaranteed by, such person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar written instruments, including obligations assumed or incurred in connection with the acquisition of property, assets or businesses, provided, however, that the deferred purchase price of any property, assets or business shall not be considered indebtedness if the purchase price thereof is payable in full within 90 days from the date on which such indebtedness was created; and
- any obligations of such person as lessee under leases required to be capitalized on the balance sheet of the lessee under generally accepted accounting principles and leases of property or assets made as part of any sale and lease-back transaction to which such person is a party.

For purposes of this covenant only, indebtedness also includes any obligation of, or any obligation guaranteed by, any person for the payment of amounts due under a swap agreement or similar instrument or agreement, or under a foreign currency hedge exchange or similar instrument or agreement. (Sections 101 and 1008 of the Senior Indenture)

*Limitations on Disposition of Stock of AIC.* Subject to limited exceptions, the Senior Indenture provides that as long as any senior debt securities are outstanding, we will not issue, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any shares of, securities convertible into, or warrants, rights or options to subscribe for or purchase shares of, capital stock of AIC, other than preferred stock having no voting rights of any kind, and that we will not permit AIC to issue any shares of, or securities convertible into, or warrants, rights or options to subscribe for or purchase shares of, capital stock of AIC, other than preferred stock having no voting rights of any kind if, after giving effect to any such transaction and the issuances of the maximum number of shares issuable upon the conversion or exercise of all such convertible securities, warrants, rights or options, we would own, directly or indirectly, less than 80% of the shares of AIC, other than preferred stock having no voting rights of any kind. The Senior Indenture also requires that any such issuance, sale, transfer or other disposition by AIC must be made for at least a fair market value consideration, as determined by our Board of Directors in good faith, and that the foregoing shall not prohibit any such issuance or disposition of securities if required by any law or any regulation or order of any governmental or insurance regulatory authority

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we may merge or consolidate AIC into or with another direct wholly owned subsidiary and we may, subject to the provisions set forth in "Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets" below, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of the entire capital stock of AIC at one time for at least a fair market value consideration as determined by our Board of Directors in good faith. (Section 1009 of the Senior Indenture)

#### **Certain Covenants with Respect to Subordinated Debt Securities**

If subordinated debt securities are issued to a trust in connection with the issuance of trust securities and there has occurred an event of default under the applicable declaration of trust, we are in default with respect to our payment of any obligations under the related preferred securities guarantee or common securities guarantee or we have given notice of our election to defer payments of interest on subordinated debt securities by extending the interest payment period as provided in the Subordinated Indenture, then we shall not:

- declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or make a liquidation payment with respect to any of our capital stock;

- make any guarantee payments with respect to our capital stock; or
- make any payment of principal, interest, or premium on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) that rank equal with or junior to such subordinated debt securities.

However, in such circumstances, we may:

- declare and pay dividends on, or make distributions with respect to, our capital stock payable in our common stock;
- redeem or repurchase any rights, declare a dividend of any rights or issue any security under any rights plan then in effect;
- purchase or acquire shares of our common stock in order to satisfy our obligations under any employee benefit plan;
- carry out any reclassification of our capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of our capital stock for another class or series of our capital stock; and
- purchase fractional interests in shares of our capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged.

(Section 1008 of the Subordinated Indenture)

If subordinated debt securities are issued to a trust in connection with the issuance of trust securities, for so long as such securities remain outstanding, we covenant to:

- directly or indirectly maintain 100% ownership of the common securities of such trust; provided, however, that any permitted successor under the applicable indenture may succeed to our ownership of such common securities;
- use our reasonable efforts to cause such trust to remain a statutory business trust, except in connection with the distribution of subordinated debt securities to the holders of trust preferred securities in liquidation of such trust, the redemption of all of the trust securities of such trust, or certain mergers, consolidations or amalgamations, each as permitted by the declaration of such trust, and to continue to be classified as a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes; and
- use our reasonable efforts to cause each holder of trust preferred securities to be treated as owning an undivided beneficial interest in the subordinated debt securities.

(Section 1009 of the Subordinated Indenture)

### **Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets**

Without the consent of the holders of any of the outstanding debt securities under the indentures, we may consolidate with or merge into, or convey, transfer or lease our properties and assets to any person and may permit any person to consolidate with or merge into us. However, in such event, any successor person must be a corporation, partnership, or trust organized and validly existing under the laws of any domestic jurisdiction and must assume our obligations on the debt securities and under the applicable indenture. We agree that after giving effect to the transaction, no event of default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an event of default shall have occurred and be continuing and that certain other conditions are met; provided such provisions will not be applicable to the direct or indirect transfer of the stock, assets or liabilities of any of our subsidiaries to another of our direct or indirect subsidiaries.

(Section 801)



Except as provided in this prospectus or as may otherwise be provided in the accompanying prospectus supplement, there are no "event risks" or similar provisions of the indentures or the debt securities that are intended to afford protection to holders in the event of a merger or other significant corporate event involving us or our subsidiaries.

## Outstanding Debt Securities

"Outstanding," when used with respect to debt securities, means, as of the date of determination, all debt securities authenticated and delivered under the applicable indenture, except:

- debt securities canceled by the indenture trustee or delivered to the indenture trustee for cancellation;
- debt securities for whose payment or redemption money in the necessary amount has been deposited with the indenture trustee or any paying agent (other than us) in trust or set aside and segregated in trust by us (if we shall act as its own paying agent) for the holders of such debt securities and, if such debt securities are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been given according to the applicable indenture or provisions satisfactory to the indenture trustee have been made;
- debt securities as to which defeasance has been effected pursuant to Section 1302 of the applicable indenture; and
- debt securities which have been paid pursuant to the applicable indenture or in exchange for or in lieu of which other debt securities have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to the applicable indenture, other than any debt securities in respect of which there shall have been presented to the indenture trustee proof satisfactory to it that such debt securities are held by a *bona fide* purchaser in whose hands such debt securities are our valid obligations.

Each indenture provides that in determining whether the holders of the requisite principal amount of the outstanding debt securities have given, made or taken any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action under the applicable indenture:

- the principal amount of an original issue discount security that shall be deemed to be outstanding shall be the amount of the principal that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon acceleration of the maturity to such date;
- the principal amount of a debt security denominated in one or more foreign currencies which shall be deemed to be outstanding shall be the U.S. dollar equivalent, determined as of the date of original issuance of such debt security in the manner provided by the applicable indenture, of the principal amount of such debt security (or, in the case of an original issue discount security, of the amount determined as provided above);
- if the principal amount payable at the stated maturity of any debt security is not determinable upon original issuance, the principal amount of such debt security that is deemed to be outstanding shall be the amount as specified by the applicable indenture; and
- debt securities beneficially owned by us or any other obligor upon the debt securities or any of our affiliates or such other obligor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding, except that, in determining whether the applicable indenture trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only debt securities which a responsible officer of the indenture trustee knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded.

Debt securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the applicable indenture trustee the pledgee's right to act

with respect to the debt securities and that the pledgee is not us or any other obligor upon the debt securities or any of our affiliates or of such other obligor. (Section 101)

### Events of Default

The following are events of default under the applicable indenture with respect to debt securities of any series:

- we fail to pay the principal or premium on any debt security of that series when due;
- we fail to pay any interest on any debt securities of that series when due, continued for 30 days;
- we fail to deposit any sinking fund payment, when due, in respect of any debt security of that series;
- we fail to perform any other covenant of ours in the applicable indenture, other than a covenant included in the applicable indenture solely for the benefit of a series other than that series, continued for 60 days after written notice has been given by the indenture trustee or by the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series, as provided in the applicable indenture;
- in the event subordinated debt securities are issued to a trust in connection with the issuance of trust preferred securities, the dissolution, winding-up or termination of such trust, except in connection with the distribution of subordinated debt securities to the holders of trust preferred securities in liquidation of such trust, the redemption of all of the trust preferred securities of such trust, or certain mergers, consolidations or amalgamations permitted by the declaration of such trust; and
- certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization.

(Section 501)

Each indenture provides that if an event of default with respect to the debt securities of any series at the time outstanding shall occur and be continuing, either the indenture trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may declare the principal amount of the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. However, after such acceleration, but before a judgment or decree based on acceleration, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may, under certain circumstances, rescind and annul such acceleration if all events of default, other than the nonpayment of accelerated principal, have been cured or waived. (Section 502) For information as to waiver of defaults, see "Modification and Waiver."

Subject to the provisions of the applicable indenture relating to the duties of the indenture trustee in case an event of default shall occur and be continuing, the indenture trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the applicable indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders, unless such holders shall have offered to the indenture trustee reasonable indemnity. (Section 603) Subject to such provisions for the indemnification of the indenture trustee, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the indenture trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the indenture trustee with respect to the debt securities of that series. (Section 512)

No holder of a debt security of any series will have any right to institute any proceeding with respect to the applicable indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or a trustee, or for any remedy thereunder, unless:

- such holder has previously given written notice to the indenture trustee of a continuing event of default with respect to the debt securities of that series;
- the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series shall have made proper written request to the indenture trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such event of default in its own name as trustee under the applicable indenture;
- such holder or holders have offered to the indenture trustee reasonable indemnity against costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;
- the indenture trustee has failed to institute such proceeding for 60 days after receipt of such notice, request or offer of indemnity; and
- no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the indenture trustee during the 60-day period by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series.

(Section 507)

However, such limitations do not apply to a suit instituted by a holder of a debt security for the enforcement of payment of the principal, interest or premium on such debt security on or after the due dates expressed in the debt security. (Section 508)

Annually, we are required to furnish to each indenture trustee a statement by certain of our officers as to whether we are in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms of the applicable indenture and, if so, specifying all such known defaults. (Section 1004)

#### **Modification and Waiver**

We and the trustee under each indenture may, without the consent of the holders of the debt securities, amend, waive or supplement the indenture for specified purposes, including to:

- cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in an indenture, provided that the cure or correction does not adversely affect the holders of such debt securities;
- secure any debt securities;
- add covenants or any additional events of default for the protection of the holders of debt securities;
- add provisions to permit or facilitate the issuance of bearer securities (with or without coupons attached);
- establish the forms or terms of debt securities of any series;
- evidence the assumption by a successor corporation of our obligations;
- evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee; or
- conform any provision in an indenture to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act.

(Section 901)

Each of the indentures provide that we and the applicable indenture trustee may modify and amend the applicable indenture with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected by such modification or amendment;

provided, however, that no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security affected thereby:

- change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any debt security except to the extent provided in a prospectus supplement;
- reduce the principal amount of or any premium or interest on any debt security;
- reduce the amount of principal of an original issue discount security or any other debt security payable upon acceleration of the maturity;
- change the currency of payment of principal, interest or premium on any debt security;
- impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to any debt security;
- reduce the percentage in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series, the consent of whose holders is required for modification or amendment of the applicable indenture;
- reduce the percentage in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series necessary for waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the applicable indenture or for waiver of certain defaults; or
- modify such provisions with respect to modification and waivers.

(Section 902)

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive compliance by us with certain restrictive provisions of the applicable indenture. (Section 1010 of the Senior Indenture and Section 1011 of the Subordinated Indenture) The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive any past default under the applicable indenture, except a default in the payment of principal, premium or interest and certain covenants and provisions of the applicable indenture which cannot be amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security of such series affected. (Section 513)

We will be entitled, except in certain limited circumstances, to set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the holders of outstanding debt securities of any series entitled to give, make or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided or permitted by the applicable indenture. To be effective, any such action for which we have set a record date must be taken by holders of the requisite principal amount of debt securities of the relevant series outstanding on such record date within 180 days after the record date, or within such shorter period as we may specify. (Section 104)

#### **Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

We may elect, at our option, to have the provisions of Section 1302, relating to defeasance and discharge of indebtedness, or Section 1303, relating to defeasance of certain covenants in the indentures, apply to the debt securities of any series, or to any specified part of a series. (Section 1301)

*Defeasance And Discharge.* Each indenture provides that we may elect to be discharged from obligations with respect to any particular debt securities. Such discharge will take effect when we deposit in trust for the benefit of the holders of such debt securities money or U.S. government obligations, or both which, through the payment of principal and interest in respect thereof in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay the principal, interest and premium on such debt securities in accordance with their terms. However, such discharge shall not apply to our obligations to exchange or register the transfer of debt securities, to replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities, to maintain paying agencies and to hold moneys in trust. Such defeasance or

discharge may occur only if, among other things, we have delivered to the indenture trustee an opinion of counsel stating that we have received from, or there has been published by, the United States Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or there has been a change in tax law, in either case to the effect that holders of the debt securities will not recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance and discharge and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit, defeasance and discharge were not to occur. (Sections 1302 and 1304)

*Defeasance Of Certain Covenants.* Each indenture provides that we may elect to defease certain covenants with respect to any particular debt securities. Such defeasance will take effect when we deposit, in trust for the benefit of the holders of such debt securities, money or U.S. government obligations, or both, which, through the payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms, will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay the principal, interest and premium on such debt securities in accordance with their terms. Such defeasance may occur only if, among other things, we have delivered to the indenture trustee an opinion of counsel stating that holders of the debt securities will not recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance were not to occur. In the event we exercise this option with respect to any debt securities and such debt securities are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any event of default, the amount of money and U.S. government obligations so deposited in trust will be sufficient to pay amounts due on such debt securities at the time of their stated maturities but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities upon any acceleration resulting from such event of default. In such case, we will remain liable for such payments. (Sections 1303 and 1304)

## **Notices**

Notices to holders of debt securities will be given by mail to the addresses of such holders as they may appear in the security register. (Sections 101 and 106)

## **Title**

Allstate, the applicable indenture trustee and any agent of Allstate or the indenture trustee may treat the person in whose name a debt security is registered as the absolute owner for the purpose of making payment and for all other purposes. (Section 308)

## **Governing Law**

The indentures and the debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York. (Section 112)

## **Regarding the Indenture Trustee**

U.S. Bank National Association, which is the trustee under the indentures described in this prospectus, performs other services for us and our affiliates.

## **DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK**

The following description of our capital stock is a summary. It summarizes only those aspects of our capital stock which we believe will be most important to your decision to invest in our capital stock. You should keep in mind, however, that it is our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, and our Amended and Restated Bylaws and the Delaware General Corporation Law, and not this summary, which define your rights as a securityholder. There may be other provisions in these documents which are also important to you. You should read these documents for a full description of the terms of our

capital stock. Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and our Amended and Restated Bylaws are incorporated by reference as exhibits to the Registration Statement that includes this prospectus. See "Where You Can Find More Information" for information on how to obtain copies of these documents.

Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation authorizes us to issue 2,000,000,000 shares of common stock, par value of \$0.01 per share, and 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share. As of April 30, 2006 there were 635,369,778 shares of common stock outstanding and we had no preferred stock issued or outstanding.

The particular terms of the common stock or preferred stock offered by any prospectus supplement and the extent to which the general provisions described below may apply to such common stock or preferred stock will be outlined in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### **Common Stock**

Outstanding shares of our common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Stock Exchange under the symbol "ALL." All outstanding shares of common stock are, and the shares of common stock issued under this prospectus, will be, fully paid and non-assessable.

*Dividends.* Subject to the prior rights of the holders of shares of preferred stock that may be issued and outstanding, none of which are currently outstanding, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive dividends as and when declared by our Board of Directors. The issuance of dividends will depend upon, among other factors deemed relevant by our Board of Directors, our financial condition, results of operations, cash requirements, future prospects, changes in tax or other applicable laws relating to the treatment of dividends and regulatory restrictions on the payment of dividends that apply under applicable insurance laws. Dividends may be paid in cash, stock or other form. Each such dividend shall be payable to holders of record as they appear on our stock books on such record dates as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

*Voting Rights.* Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters presented to a vote at a stockholders' meeting, including the election of directors. The holders of common stock are not entitled to cumulative voting rights. Directors are elected at a stockholders' meeting if they receive a plurality of the votes present in person or represented by proxy. Except as otherwise provided in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation or Amended and Restated Bylaws or as required by law, all other matters can be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares represented at a meeting and entitled to vote on the matter.

*Liquidation Rights.* In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of Allstate, the holders of common stock will share equally in the assets remaining after creditors and preferred stockholders are paid.

*Other Rights.* The holders of common stock have no preemptive rights to purchase or subscribe for any additional shares of common stock or other securities and there are no conversion rights or redemption or sinking fund provisions with respect to the common stock.

### **Preferred Stock**

We are authorized to issue up to 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, none of which is currently issued and outstanding. Our Board of Directors is authorized to provide for the issuance of the preferred stock in a series, to establish or change the number of shares to be included in each series and to fix the designation, relative rights, preferences and limitations of each series, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by law. In particular, our Board of Directors is authorized, without limitation, to determine the number of shares, the designation of the series, the dividend rate, voting

rights, conversion and exchange rights, redemption provisions, liquidation rights and sinking fund provisions, all without further action by our stockholders. The rights of holders of the preferred stock offered may be adversely affected by the rights of holders of any shares of preferred stock that may be issued in the future. Our Board of Directors may cause shares of preferred stock to be issued in public or private transactions for any proper corporate purpose. Examples of proper corporate purposes include issuances to obtain additional financing in connection with acquisitions or otherwise, and issuances to officers, directors and employees of Allstate and its subsidiaries pursuant to benefit plans or otherwise. Shares of preferred stock issued by us may have the effect of rendering more difficult or discouraging an acquisition of Allstate deemed undesirable by our Board of Directors.

We will describe the terms, if any, on which shares of any series of preferred stock are convertible or exchangeable into our common stock or other securities in the prospectus supplement relating to the offering. The conversion or exchange may be mandatory, at your option or at our option. The applicable prospectus supplement will state the manner in which the shares of our common stock or other securities that you will receive as a holder of preferred stock would be converted or exchanged.

The preferred stock will be fully paid and non-assessable. Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, holders of preferred stock will not have preemptive or subscription rights to acquire more of our stock. Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, the preferred stock will have preference over our common stock with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets in the event of a liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of Allstate. Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, each series of preferred stock will rank on a parity with each other series of preferred stock.

In addition, as described under "Description of Depositary Shares", we may, at our option, instead of offering whole individual shares of any series of preferred stock, offer depositary shares evidenced by depositary receipts, each representing a fraction of a share or some multiple of shares of the particular series of preferred stock issued and deposited with a depositary. The fraction of a share of preferred stock which each depositary share represents will be stated in the prospectus supplement relating to any series of preferred stock offered through depositary shares.

*Dividends.* Holders of shares of the preferred stock of each series shall be entitled to receive, as and when declared by our Board of Directors, cash or other dividends at such rates and on such dates as will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Each such dividend shall be payable to holders of record as they appear on our stock books or, if applicable, the records of the depositary referred to below under "Description of Depositary Shares," on such record dates as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Dividends on any series of the preferred stock may be cumulative or noncumulative, as provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. If our Board of Directors fails to declare a dividend payable on a dividend payment date on any series of the preferred stock for which dividends are noncumulative, then the holders of such series of the preferred stock will have no right to receive a dividend in respect of the dividend period ending on such dividend payment date, and we will have no obligation to pay the dividend accrued for such period, whether or not dividends on such series are declared payable on any future dividend payment date.

*Liquidation Rights.* In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of Allstate, the holders of preferred stock will be entitled to receive out of our assets, before any distribution of assets is made to holders of common stock, liquidating distributions in the amount of the liquidation price per share, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, plus all accrued and unpaid dividends. If, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of Allstate, the amounts payable with respect to the preferred stock and any other shares of our stock ranking as to any such distribution on a parity with the preferred stock are not paid in full, the holders of the preferred stock and of such other shares will share ratably in any such distribution of our assets in proportion to the full respective preferential

amounts to which they are entitled. After payment of the full amount of the liquidating distribution the holders of preferred stock will not be entitled to any further participation in any distribution of assets by us. A consolidation or merger of Allstate with or into any other corporation or corporations or a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of Allstate shall not be deemed to be a liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of Allstate.

*Redemption.* The preferred stock will be redeemable at the times and at the redemption prices set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may not purchase or redeem any of the outstanding shares of any series of preferred stock unless full cumulative dividends, if any, have been paid or declared and set apart for payment upon all outstanding shares of any series of preferred stock for all past dividend periods, and unless all of our matured obligations with respect to all sinking funds, retirement funds or purchase funds for all series of preferred stock then outstanding have been met.

*Voting Rights.* The holders of the preferred stock will have no voting rights, except:

- as otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement;
- as otherwise stated in the certificate of designation establishing such series; and
- as required by applicable law.

### **Provisions of Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws that May Delay or Make More Difficult Unsolicited Acquisitions or Changes of Our Control**

Some provisions of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws may delay or make more difficult unsolicited acquisitions or changes of our control. We believe that these provisions will enable us to develop our business in a manner that will foster long-term growth without disruption caused by the threat of a takeover not thought by our Board of Directors to be in the best interests of Allstate and its stockholders.

Those provisions could have the effect of discouraging third parties from making proposals involving an unsolicited acquisition or change of control of our company, although the proposals, if made, might be considered desirable by a majority of our stockholders. Those provisions may also have the effect of making it more difficult for third parties to cause the replacement of our current management without the concurrence of our Board of Directors.

These provisions include:

- our Amended and Restated Bylaws may be amended only by the vote of a majority of the directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present or by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 66<sup>2</sup>/3% of the total number of votes entitled to be cast generally in the election of directors;
- our Amended and Restated Bylaws establish advance notice procedures with regard to stockholder proposals relating to the nomination of candidates for election as directors or new business to be brought before annual stockholders meetings;
- our Amended and Restated Bylaws do not allow stockholders to call special stockholder meetings; they provide that special meetings of stockholders may be called at any time by the chairman of the Board of Directors and chief executive officer and shall be called by the chairman of the Board of Directors and chief executive officer at the written request of a majority of the Board of Directors;



- stockholders may not act by written consent. All actions required or permitted to be taken by the stockholders must be taken only at an annual or special meeting of stockholders; and
- except as may be otherwise provided by the terms of any class or series of preferred stock, a director may not be removed, with or without cause, except by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the total number of votes entitled to be cast in the election of directors.

In addition, we are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Generally, Section 203 prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" during the three years after the date the person became an interested stockholder, unless the business combination is approved in a prescribed manner. A "business combination" includes a merger, asset sale or a transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. An "interested stockholder" is a person, who together with affiliates and associates, owns (or, in certain cases, within the preceding three years, did own) 15% or more of the corporation's outstanding voting stock. Under Section 203, a business combination between us and an interested stockholder is prohibited unless it satisfies one of the following conditions:

- before the stockholder became an interested stockholder, our Board of Directors approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon the completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding, for purposes of determining the number of shares outstanding, shares owned by persons who are directors and officers; or
- the business combination is approved by our Board of Directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders by at least 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

### **Limitations on Liability**

Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation limits our directors' liability to the fullest extent permitted by law. Generally, our directors will not be held liable for their actions. However, they will be held liable for:

- a breach of their duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;
- acts or omissions not in good faith or in a way which involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- payment of an improper dividend or improper repurchase of our stock; or
- acting or not acting for improper personal benefit.

Because of these limitations on liability, our stockholders may not sue one of our directors for money unless the stockholder can show the director committed one of the offenses listed above. These provisions do not affect our directors' liability under federal securities laws. Also, our directors still have a duty of care. The limitation of our directors' liability may discourage or deter stockholders or management from suing directors for a breach of their duties, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise have benefited us or our stockholders. This limitation on our directors' liability should not affect the availability of equitable remedies such as injunctions or rescissions based upon a director's breach of his duty of care.

## DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

The following description of the depositary shares and the terms of the deposit agreement is a summary. It summarizes only those aspects of the depositary shares and those portions of the deposit agreement that we believe will be most important to your decision to invest in our depositary shares. You should keep in mind, however, that it is the deposit agreement, and not this summary, which defines your rights as a holder of depositary shares. There may be other provisions in the deposit agreement that are also important to you. You should read the deposit agreement for a full description of the terms of the depositary shares. The form of the deposit agreement is filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement that includes this prospectus. See "Where You Can Find More Information" for information on how to obtain a copy of the deposit agreement.

The particular terms of the depositary shares offered by any prospectus supplement and the extent to which the general provisions described below may apply to such depositary shares will be outlined in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### General

We may choose to offer fractional interests in debt securities or fractional shares of our common stock or preferred stock. If we decide to do so, we will issue fractional interests in debt securities, or fractional shares of our common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, in the form of depositary shares. Each depositary share would represent a fractional interest in a security of a particular series of debt securities or a fraction of a share of common stock or of a particular series of preferred stock, as the case may be, and would be evidenced by a depositary receipt.

We will deposit the debt securities or shares of common stock or preferred stock represented by depositary shares under a deposit agreement between us and a depositary which we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement. Subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, as an owner of a depositary share you will be entitled, in proportion to the applicable fraction of a debt security or share of common stock or preferred stock represented by the depositary share, to all the rights and preferences of the debt security, common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, represented by the depositary share, including, as the case may be, interest, dividend, voting, conversion, redemption, sinking fund, repayment at maturity, subscription and liquidation rights.

### Interest, Dividends and Other Distributions

The depositary will distribute all payments of interest, cash dividends or other cash distributions received on the debt securities or preferred stock, as the case may be, to you in proportion to the number of depositary shares that you own.

In the event of a distribution other than in cash, the depositary will distribute property received by it to you in an equitable manner, unless the depositary determines that it is not feasible to make a distribution. In that case, the depositary may sell the property and distribute the net proceeds from the sale to you.

### Redemption of Depositary Shares

If we redeem a debt security, common stock or series of preferred stock represented by depositary shares, the depositary will redeem your depositary shares from the proceeds received by the depositary resulting from the redemption. The redemption price per depositary share will be equal to the applicable fraction of the redemption price per debt security or share of common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, payable in relation to the redeemed series of debt securities, common stock or preferred stock. Whenever we redeem debt securities or shares of common stock or preferred stock held by the depositary, the depositary will redeem as of the same redemption date the number of

depository shares representing, as the case may be, fractional interests in the debt securities or shares of common stock or preferred stock redeemed. If fewer than all the depository shares are to be redeemed, the depository shares to be redeemed will be selected by lot, proportionately or by any other equitable method as the depository may determine.

#### **Exercise of Rights under the Indentures or Voting the Common Stock or Preferred Stock**

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which you are entitled to vote, or of any request for instructions or directions from you as a holder of fractional interests in debt securities, common stock or preferred stock, the depository will mail to you the information contained in that notice. Each record holder of the depository shares on the record date will be entitled to instruct the depository how to give instructions or directions with respect to the debt securities represented by that holder's depository shares or how to vote the amount of the common stock or preferred stock represented by that holder's depository shares. The record date for the depository shares will be the same date as the record date for the debt securities, common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be. The depository will endeavor, to the extent practicable, to give instructions or directions with respect to the debt securities or to vote the amount of the common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, represented by the depository shares in accordance with those instructions. We will agree to take all reasonable action which the depository may deem necessary to enable the depository to do so. The depository will abstain from giving instructions or directions with respect to your fractional interests in the debt securities or voting shares of the common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, if it does not receive specific instructions from you.

#### **Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement**

We and the depository may amend the form of depository receipt evidencing the depository shares and any provision of the deposit agreement at any time. However, any amendment which materially and adversely alters the rights of the holders of the depository shares will not be effective unless the amendment has been approved by the holders of at least a majority of the depository shares then outstanding.

The deposit agreement will terminate if:

- all outstanding depository shares have been redeemed;
- if applicable, the debt securities and the preferred stock represented by depository shares have been converted into or exchanged for our common stock; or
- there has been a complete repayment or redemption of the debt securities or a final distribution in respect of the common stock or preferred stock, including in connection with our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, and the repayment, redemption or distribution proceeds, as the case may be, have been distributed to you.

#### **Resignation and Removal of Depository**

The depository may resign at any time by delivering to us notice of its election to do so. We also may, at any time, remove the depository. Any resignation or removal will take effect upon the appointment of a successor depository and its acceptance of such appointment. We must appoint the successor depository within 60 days after delivery of the notice of resignation or removal. The successor depository must be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000.

## **Charges of Depositary**

We will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. We will pay charges of the depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the debt securities, common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, and issuance of depositary receipts, all withdrawals of depositary shares of debt securities, common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, by you and any repayment or redemption of the debt securities, common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be. You will pay other transfer and other taxes and governmental charges, as well as the other charges that are expressly provided in the deposit agreement to be for your account.

## **Miscellaneous**

The depositary will forward all reports and communications from us which are delivered to the depositary and which we are required or otherwise determine to furnish to holders of debt securities, common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be.

Neither we nor the depositary will be liable under the deposit agreement to you other than for its gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith. Neither we nor the depositary will be obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceedings relating to any depositary shares, debt securities, common stock or preferred stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. We and the depositary may rely upon written advice of counsel or accountants, or upon information provided by persons presenting debt securities or shares of common stock or preferred stock for deposit, you or other persons believed to be competent and on documents which we and the depositary believe to be genuine.

## **DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS**

The following description of the warrants and terms of the warrant agreement is a summary. It summarizes only those aspects of the warrants and those portions of the warrant agreement which we believe will be most important to your decision to invest in our warrants. You should keep in mind, however, that it is the warrant agreement and the warrant certificate relating to the warrants, and not this summary, which defines your rights as a warrant holder. There may be other provisions in the warrant agreement and the warrant certificate relating to the warrants which are also important to you. You should read these documents for a full description of the terms of the warrants. Forms of these documents are filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement that includes this prospectus. See "Where You Can Find More Information" for information on how to obtain copies of these documents.

We may issue warrants for the purchase of our debt securities, preferred stock or common stock or units of two or more of these types of securities. Warrants may be issued independently or together with debt securities, preferred stock or common stock and may be attached to or separate from these securities. Each series of warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement that we will describe in the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants that we offer.

### **Debt Warrants**

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of warrants to purchase debt securities that we may offer, the warrant agreement relating to the debt warrants and the warrant certificates representing the debt warrants. These terms will include the following:

- the title of the debt warrants;
- the aggregate number of the debt warrants;
- the price or prices at which the debt warrants will be issued;

- the designation, aggregate principal amount and terms of the debt securities purchasable upon exercise of the debt warrants and the procedures and conditions relating to the exercise of the debt warrants;
- if applicable, the number of warrants issued with a specified principal amount of debt securities or with other securities, including shares of preferred stock or common stock;
- the date, if any, on and after which such debt warrants and the related debt securities will be separately transferable;
- the principal amount of debt securities purchasable upon exercise of each debt warrant and the price at which such principal amount of debt securities may be purchased;
- the date on which the right to exercise such debt warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire;
- whether the debt securities purchasable upon exercise of such debt warrants are original issue discount debt securities, and discussion of applicable federal income tax considerations; and
- any other material terms of the debt warrants and terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exercise of the debt warrants.

We will also describe in the applicable prospectus supplement any provisions for a change in the exercise price or the expiration date of the debt warrants and the kind, frequency and timing of any notice to be given. You may exchange debt warrant certificates for new debt warrant certificates of different denominations and may exercise debt warrants at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office that we indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### **Other Warrants**

We may issue other warrants. We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the following terms of those warrants:

- the title of the warrants;
- the aggregate number of the warrants;
- the number of securities purchasable upon exercise of each warrant, and the price or prices at which the warrants will be issued;
- the securities, which may include preferred stock or common stock, for which the warrants are exercisable;
- the procedures and conditions relating to the exercise of the warrants;
- the designation and terms of any related securities issued with the warrants, and the number of warrants issued with each security;
- the date, if any, on and after which such warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;
- the date on which the right to exercise such warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire;
- the maximum or minimum number of warrants which may be exercised at any time;
- if applicable, a discussion of material United States federal income tax considerations; and
- any other terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such warrants.

We will also describe in the applicable prospectus supplement any provisions for a change in the exercise price or the expiration date of the warrants and the kind, frequency and timing of any notice to be given. You may exchange warrant certificates for new warrant certificates of different denominations and may exercise warrants at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office that we indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### **Exercise of Warrants**

Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase the principal amount of debt securities or other securities, including shares of preferred stock or common stock, at the exercise price as shall in each case be set forth in, or be determinable as set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants offered in the applicable prospectus supplement. Warrants may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business of the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

Upon receipt of payment and the warrant certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will, as soon as practicable, forward the debt securities or other securities, including shares of preferred stock or common stock, to be purchased upon such exercise. If less than all of the warrants represented by a warrant certificate are exercised, a new warrant certificate will be issued for the remaining warrants.

Prior to the exercise of any warrants to purchase debt securities or other securities, including shares of preferred stock or common stock, holders of the warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the debt securities or other securities, including shares of preferred stock or common stock purchasable upon exercise, including:

- in the case of warrants for the purchase of debt securities, the right to receive payments of principal of, or any premium or interest on, the debt securities purchasable upon exercise or to enforce covenants in the applicable indenture; or
- in the case of warrants for the purchase of shares of preferred stock or shares of common stock, the right to vote or to receive any payments of dividends on the shares of preferred stock or common stock purchasable upon exercise.

### **DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND STOCK PURCHASE UNITS**

We may issue stock purchase contracts, including contracts obligating you to purchase from us, and us to sell to you, a specified number of shares of common stock, shares of preferred stock or other property at a future date or dates. The consideration per share of common stock or preferred stock and the number of shares of each may be fixed at the time the stock purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula set forth in the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may be issued separately or as part of units, often known as stock purchase units, consisting of a stock purchase contract and any combination of:

- debt securities;
- common stock;
- preferred stock;
- other stock purchase contracts;
- preferred securities issued by trusts, all of whose common securities are owned by us or by one of our subsidiaries;

- depositary shares representing fractional interests in debt securities or shares of common stock or preferred stock; or
- preferred securities or debt obligations of third parties, including United States Treasury securities,

which may secure your obligations to purchase the common stock, preferred stock or other property under the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to you or vice versa, and these payments may be unsecured or prefunded on some basis. The stock purchase contracts may require you to secure your obligations in a specified manner.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the stock purchase contracts and stock purchase units, including, if applicable, collateral or depositary arrangements.

### DESCRIPTION OF TRUST PREFERRED SECURITIES

The following description of the trust preferred securities and the form of declaration of trust is a summary. It summarizes only those aspects of the trust preferred securities and portions of the form of declaration of trust which we believe will be most important to your decision to invest in the trust preferred securities. You should keep in mind, however, that it is the declaration of trust, and not this summary, which defines your rights as a holder. There may be other provisions in the declaration of trust which are also important to you. You should read the form of declaration of trust itself for a full description of the terms of the preferred securities. The form of declaration of trust is filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. See "Where You Can Find More Information" for information on how to obtain a copy of the declaration of trust.

The trust preferred securities may be issued from time to time in one or more series. The particular terms of the trust preferred securities offered by any prospectus supplement and the extent to which the general provisions described below may apply to such securities will be outlined in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Each trust may issue, from time to time, only one series of preferred securities. When issued, the trust preferred securities will represent preferred, fully paid, non-assessable undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the related trust. Each of the trusts is a legally separate entity and the assets of one are not available to satisfy the obligations of any of the others. The declaration of trust for each trust will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. The trust preferred securities will have such terms, including distributions, redemption, voting, liquidation and such other preferred, deferred or other special rights or such restrictions as shall be set forth in the declaration or made part of the declaration by the Trust Indenture Act, and which will mirror the terms of the subordinated debt securities held by the trust and described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Reference is made to the prospectus supplement relating to the preferred securities of any trust for specific terms, including:

- the distinctive designation of such trust preferred securities;
- the number of trust preferred securities issued by such trust;
- the annual distribution rate for trust preferred securities issued by such trust and the dates upon which distributions are payable; provided, however, that distributions on such trust preferred securities are payable on a quarterly basis to holders of the trust preferred securities as of a record date in each quarter during which such trust preferred securities are outstanding;
- whether distributions on trust preferred securities issued by such trust are cumulative and the dates from which distributions will be cumulative;

- the amount which shall be paid out of the assets of such trust to the holders of trust preferred securities upon dissolution, winding-up or termination of trust;
- the obligation or the option of a trust to purchase or redeem trust preferred securities and the prices at which, the periods within which, and the terms upon which, trust preferred securities may be purchased or redeemed;
- any voting rights of trust preferred securities in addition to those required by law, including the number of votes per trust preferred security and any requirement for the approval by the holders of trust preferred securities as a condition to specified action or amendments to the declaration of such trust;
- the terms and conditions upon which the subordinated debt securities purchased by a trust may be distributed to holders of trust preferred securities;
- whether any of the trust preferred securities will be issuable in the form of global securities;
- any securities exchange upon which the trust preferred securities shall be listed; and
- any other relevant rights, preferences, privileges, limitations or restrictions of trust preferred securities issued by such trust not inconsistent with its declaration or with applicable law.

We will guarantee all trust preferred securities offered hereby to the extent set forth below under "Description of Preferred Securities Guarantees." Certain United States federal income tax considerations applicable to any offering of trust preferred securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The holders of the trust preferred securities of each trust, as the beneficial owners of such trust, will be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

In connection with the issuance of trust preferred securities, each trust will issue one series of common securities having such terms including distributions, redemption, voting and liquidation rights or such restrictions as shall be set forth in its declaration. The terms of the common securities will be substantially similar to the terms of the trust preferred securities issued by such trust and the common securities will rank equal with, and payments will be made thereon pro rata, with the trust preferred securities except that, upon an event of default under the declaration, the rights of the holders of the common securities to payment in respect of distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise will be subordinated to the rights of the holders of the trust preferred securities. Except in certain limited circumstances, the common securities will carry the right to vote to appoint, remove or replace any of the trustees of a trust. Directly or indirectly, we will own all of the common securities of each trust.

#### **Enforcement Of Certain Rights By Holders Of Preferred Securities**

If an event of default under the declaration of a trust occurs and is continuing, then the holders of trust preferred securities of such trust would rely on the enforcement by the property trustee of its rights as a holder of the applicable series of subordinated debt securities against us. In addition, the holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the trust preferred securities of such trust will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the property trustee or to direct the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the property trustee to exercise the remedies available to it as a holder of the subordinated debt securities. If the property trustee fails to enforce its rights under the applicable series of subordinated debt securities, a holder of trust preferred securities of such trust may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, institute a legal proceeding directly against us to enforce the property trustee's rights under the applicable series of



subordinated debt securities without first instituting any legal proceeding against the property trustee or any other person or entity.

Notwithstanding, if an event of default under the applicable declaration has occurred and is continuing and such event is attributable to our failure to pay principal or interest on the applicable series of subordinated debt securities on the date such principal or interest is otherwise payable or in the case of redemption, on the redemption date, then a holder of trust preferred securities of such trust may directly institute a proceeding for enforcement of payment to such holder of the principal or interest on the applicable series of subordinated debt securities having a principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the trust preferred securities of such holder on or after the respective due date specified in the applicable series of subordinated debt securities. In connection with such direct action, we will be subrogated to the rights of such holder of trust preferred securities under the applicable declaration to the extent of any payment made by us to such holder of trust preferred securities in such direct action.

## **DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEES**

The following description of the terms of the preferred securities guarantee is a summary. It summarizes only those portions of the preferred securities guarantee which we believe will be most important to your decision to invest in the trust preferred securities. You should keep in mind, however, that it is the preferred securities guarantee, and not this summary, which defines your rights. There may be other provisions in the preferred securities guarantee which are also important to you. You should read the preferred securities guarantee itself for a full description of its terms. The preferred securities guarantee is filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement that includes this prospectus. See "Where You Can Find More Information" for information on how to obtain a copy of the preferred securities guarantee. When we refer in this summary to trust preferred securities, we mean the trust preferred securities issued by a trust to which the preferred securities guarantee relates.

At the same time as the issuance by a trust of its preferred securities, we will execute and deliver a preferred securities guarantee for your benefit, as a holder of the trust preferred securities. Each preferred securities guarantee will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. U.S. Bank National Association will act as the independent preferred guarantee trustee under each preferred securities guarantee for purposes of compliance with the Trust Indenture Act. The terms of each preferred securities guarantee will be those set forth in such preferred securities guarantee. Each preferred securities guarantee will be held by the preferred guarantee trustee for the benefit of the holders of the trust preferred securities of the applicable trust.

### **General**

Pursuant to each preferred securities guarantee, we will agree to pay in full on a subordinated basis, to the holders of the trust preferred securities issued by a trust, the following guarantee payments, except to the extent paid by such trust, as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim which such trust may have or assert. The following payments with respect to trust preferred securities, to the extent not paid by such trust, will be subject to the preferred securities guarantee:

- any accrued and unpaid distributions which are required to be paid on such trust preferred securities, to the extent such trust shall have funds available;
- the redemption price set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, which will not be lower than the liquidation amount, and all accrued and unpaid distributions, to the extent such trust has funds available therefor with respect to any trust preferred securities called for redemption by such trust; and

- upon dissolution, winding-up or termination of such trust other than in connection with the distribution of subordinated debt securities to the holders of trust preferred securities or the redemption of all of the trust preferred securities, the lesser of (1) the aggregate of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid distributions on such trust preferred securities to the date of payment, to the extent such trust has funds available and (2) the amount of assets of such trust remaining available for distribution to holders of such trust preferred securities in liquidation of such trust.

Our obligation to make a guarantee payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by us to the holders of trust preferred securities or by causing the applicable trust to pay such amounts to such holders.

The preferred securities guarantees will be guarantees on a subordinated basis of the related trust obligations under the preferred securities, but will apply only to the extent that the related trust has funds sufficient to make the payments. The preferred securities guarantees will constitute a guarantee of payment and not of collection. If we do not make interest payments on the corresponding subordinated debt securities held by the trust, we expect that the trust will not pay distributions on the preferred securities and will not have funds legally available for those payments.

The preferred securities guarantee, when taken together with our obligations under the subordinated debt securities, the Subordinated Indenture and the declaration of trust, including our obligations to pay costs, expenses, debts and liabilities of such trust other than with respect to the trust securities, will provide a full and unconditional guarantee on a subordinated basis by us of payments due on the trust preferred securities.

We have also agreed separately to irrevocably and unconditionally guarantee the obligations of the trusts with respect to the common securities (our common securities guarantee) to the same extent as the preferred securities guarantee, except that upon an event of default under the Subordinated Indenture, holders of trust preferred securities shall have priority over holders of common securities with respect to distributions and payments on liquidation, redemption or otherwise.

### **Status of the Preferred Securities Guarantees**

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, the preferred securities guarantees will constitute our unsecured obligations and will rank:

- subordinate and junior in right of payment to all our other liabilities;
- equal with the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by us and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by us in respect of any preferred or preference stock of any of our affiliates; and
- senior to common stock.

The terms of the trust preferred securities provide that each holder agrees to the subordination provisions and other terms of the preferred securities guarantee.

The preferred securities guarantees will constitute a guarantee of payment and not of collection; that is, the guaranteed party may institute a legal proceeding directly against the guarantor to enforce its rights under the guarantee without instituting a legal proceeding against any other person or entity.

### **Certain Covenants of Allstate**

In each preferred securities guarantee, we will covenant that, so long as any trust preferred securities issued by the applicable trust remain outstanding, if there shall have occurred any event that

would constitute an event of default under such preferred securities guarantee or the declaration of such trust, then, unless otherwise set forth in an applicable prospectus supplement, we shall not:

- declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of our capital stock;
- make any guarantee payments with respect to any of our capital stock; or
- make any payment of principal, interest, or premium on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities (including guarantees) that rank equal with or junior to such subordinated debt securities.

However, in such circumstances we may:

- declare and pay dividends on, or make distributions with respect to, our capital stock payable in our common stock;
- redeem or repurchase any rights, declare a dividend of any rights, or issue any security under any rights plan then in effect;
- purchase or acquire shares of common stock in order to satisfy our obligations under any employee benefit plan;
- carry out any reclassification of our capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of our capital stock for another class or series of our capital stock; and
- purchase fractional interests in shares of our capital stock pursuant to the conversion or exchange provisions of such capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged.

#### **Modification of the Preferred Securities Guarantees; Assignment**

Each preferred securities guarantee may be amended only with the prior approval of the holders of not less than a majority in liquidation amount of the outstanding trust preferred securities issued by the applicable trust except with respect to any changes which do not adversely affect the rights of holders of trust preferred securities in which case no vote will be required. The manner of obtaining any such approval of holders of such trust preferred securities will be as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. All guarantees and agreements contained in a preferred securities guarantee shall bind our successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives and shall inure to the benefit of the holders of the trust preferred securities of the applicable trust then outstanding.

#### **Termination**

Each preferred securities guarantee will terminate as to the trust preferred securities issued by the applicable trust:

- upon full payment of the redemption price of all trust preferred securities of such trust;
- upon distribution of the subordinated debt securities held by such trust to the holders of the trust preferred securities of such trust; or
- upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the declaration of such trust upon liquidation of such trust.

Each preferred securities guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any holder of trust preferred securities issued by the applicable trust must restore payment of any sums paid under such trust preferred securities or such preferred securities guarantee.

The subordination provisions of the subordinated debt securities provide that in the event payment is made on the subordinated debt securities or the preferred securities guarantee in contravention of such provisions, such payments shall be paid over to the holders of senior indebtedness.

### **Events of Default**

An event of default under a preferred securities guarantee will occur upon our failure to perform any of our obligations thereunder.

The holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the trust preferred securities relating to such preferred securities guarantee have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the preferred guarantee trustee in respect of the guarantee or to direct the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the preferred guarantee trustee under such trust preferred securities. If the preferred guarantee trustee fails to enforce such preferred securities guarantee, any holder of trust preferred securities relating to such guarantee may institute a legal proceeding directly against us to enforce the preferred guarantee trustee's rights under such guarantee, without first instituting a legal proceeding against the relevant trust, the guarantee or any other person or entity. Notwithstanding, if we fail to make a guarantee payment, a holder of trust preferred securities may directly institute a proceeding against us for enforcement of the preferred securities guarantee for such payment. We waive any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against such trust or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against us.

### **Information Concerning the Preferred Guarantee Trustee**

The preferred guarantee trustee, before the occurrence of a default with respect to a preferred securities guarantee, undertakes to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in such preferred securities guarantee and, after default, shall exercise the same degree of care as a prudent individual would exercise in the conduct of his or her own affairs. The preferred guarantee trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by a preferred securities guarantee at the request of any holder of preferred securities, unless offered reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred.

### **Governing Law**

The preferred securities guarantees will be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York.

## **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell any series of debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, depository shares, warrants, stock purchase contracts and stock purchase units and the trusts may sell the trust preferred securities being offered directly to one or more purchasers, through agents, to or through underwriters or dealers, or through a combination of any such methods of sale. The distribution of the securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at fixed prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. The prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of the offering, including the names of any underwriters, dealers or agents, the purchase price of such securities and the proceeds to us and/or a trust from such sale, any underwriting discounts and commissions or agency fees and other items constituting underwriters' or agents' compensation, any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or paid to dealers or any securities exchange on which such securities may be listed. Any initial public offering price, discounts or concessions allowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

Any discounts, concessions or commissions received by underwriters or agents and any profits on the resale of securities by them may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act of 1933. Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, the obligations of underwriters to purchase the offered securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent, and such underwriters will be obligated to purchase all such securities, if any are purchased. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, any agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

We, along with the trusts, may also offer and sell securities, if so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, in connection with a remarketing upon their purchase, in accordance with a redemption or repayment pursuant to their terms, or otherwise, by one or more firms referred to as remarketing firms, acting as principals for their own accounts or as agents for us or one of the trusts. Any remarketing firm will be identified and the terms of its agreement, if any, with us or one of the trusts, and its compensation will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Remarketing firms may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with the securities they remarket.

We may authorize underwriters, dealers or other persons acting as agents for us or one of the trusts to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase securities from us or one of the trusts, pursuant to contracts providing for payment and delivery on a future date. Institutions with which such contracts may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions and others, but in all cases such institutions must be approved by us or one of the trusts. The obligations of any purchaser under any such contract will be subject to the conditions that the purchase of the offered securities shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which such purchaser is subject. The underwriters and such other agents will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of such contracts.

In connection with the offering of securities, we or any trust, may grant to the underwriters an option to purchase additional securities to cover over-allotments at the initial public offering price, with an additional underwriting commission, as may be set forth in the accompanying prospectus supplement. If we or any trust grants any over-allotment option, the terms of such over-allotment option will be set forth in the prospectus supplement for such securities.

The securities may be a new issue of securities that have no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom securities are sold for public offering and sale may make a market in such securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. Such securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of or the existence of trading markets for any securities.

We and the trusts may indemnify agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933. Our agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms, or their affiliates, may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us, in the ordinary course of business.

#### **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We and the trusts have filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission to register the securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus forms a part of that registration statement and does not contain all of the information in the registration statement or the exhibits to the registration statement.

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Accordingly, we file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with

the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may review a copy of those reports, statements or other information at the Securities and Exchange Commission's public reference room, which is located at Room 1580, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can also request copies of such documents, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by writing to the SEC's public reference room. Please call the Securities and Exchange Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room.

These Securities and Exchange Commission filings are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and at the Internet site maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission at "<http://www.sec.gov>." Reports, proxy statements and other information concerning us may also be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

We have not included any separate financial statements for the trusts. They were omitted because the trusts are our wholly owned subsidiaries, with no independent operations and we guarantee the fee obligations relating to the trust securities.

The Securities and Exchange Commission allows us to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. Any statement made in this prospectus or a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document which is also incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus. This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents set forth below that we have previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These documents contain important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus.

### **THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION FILINGS**

(File No. 001-11840)

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, filed February 23, 2006, and the portions of our Proxy Statement, filed March 27, 2006, for our 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders incorporated by reference into our Annual Report

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, filed May 3, 2006

Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed March 14 and March 23, 2006

Description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 10, filed April 29, 1993, as amended by our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, filed May 3, 2006

We are also incorporating by reference all other documents subsequently filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, prior to the termination of this offering.

You can request a free copy of any or all of these documents, other than the exhibits to those documents, unless those exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into these documents, by writing to: Investor Relations Department, The Allstate Corporation, 2775 Sanders Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062-7127, or calling: (800) 416-8803.

## **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference contain "forward-looking statements" that anticipate results based on management's estimates, assumptions and plans that are subject to uncertainty. These statements are made subject to the safe-harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of new information or future events or developments.

These forward-looking statements do not relate strictly to historical or current facts and may be identified by their use of words like "plans," "expects," "will," "anticipates," "estimates," "intends," "believes," "likely" and other words with similar meanings. These statements may address, among other things, our strategy for growth, product development, regulatory approvals, market position, expenses, financial results and reserves. Management believes that these statements are based on reasonable estimates, assumptions and plans. However, if the estimates, assumptions or plans underlying the forward-looking statements prove inaccurate or if other risks or uncertainties arise, actual results could differ materially from those communicated in these forward-looking statements. In addition to the normal risks of business, we are subject to significant risks and uncertainties which are described in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission referred to above in "Where You Can Find More Information," including those identified in the "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" under the heading "Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors" contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, and as may be described in our subsequent filings.

## **LEGAL OPINIONS**

The validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP, New York, New York, counsel for Allstate, and certain matters of Delaware law relating to the validity of the trust preferred securities of Allstate Financing III, IV, V and VI will be passed upon for the trusts by Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., Wilmington, Delaware, special Delaware counsel for the trusts.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements, the related financial statement schedules and management's report on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting incorporated in this prospectus by reference from the Annual Report on Form 10-K of The Allstate Corporation have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference, and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

With respect to the unaudited interim financial information which is incorporated herein by reference, Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, have applied limited procedures in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) for a review of such information. However, as stated in their reports included in the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q of The Allstate Corporation and incorporated by reference herein, they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on that interim financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their reports on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied. Deloitte & Touche LLP are not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 for their reports on the unaudited interim financial information because those reports are not "reports" or a "part" of the registration statement prepared or certified by an accountant within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Securities Act of 1933.

## ERISA MATTERS

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, which we refer to as ERISA, and Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code, impose certain requirements on employee benefit plans and certain other plans and arrangements, including individual retirement accounts and annuities, Keogh plans and certain collective investment funds or insurance company general or separate accounts in which such plans, accounts or arrangements are invested, that are subject to the fiduciary responsibility provisions of ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Code, and on persons who are fiduciaries with respect to the plans, in connection with the investment of "plan assets" of any plan which we refer to as Plan Assets. We refer to these types of plans or arrangements individually as the Plan and collectively, the Plans. ERISA generally imposes on Plan fiduciaries certain general fiduciary requirements, including those of investment prudence and diversification and the requirement that a Plan's investments be made in accordance with the documents governing the Plan. ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code prohibit a broad range of transactions involving Plan Assets and persons ("parties in interest" under ERISA and "disqualified persons" under the Code are collectively referred to as "Parties in Interest") who have certain specified relationships to a Plan or its Plan Assets, unless a statutory or administrative exemption is available. Parties in Interest that participate in a prohibited transaction may be subject to a penalty imposed under ERISA and/or an excise tax imposed pursuant to Section 4975 of the Code, unless a statutory or administrative exemption is available. These prohibited transactions generally are set forth in Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code.

Any fiduciary or other Plan investor considering whether to purchase the securities with Plan Assets should determine whether such purchase is consistent with its fiduciary duties and whether such purchase would constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction under ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Code. We and certain of our affiliates may each be considered a Party in Interest with respect to many employee benefit plans. Prohibited transactions within the meaning of ERISA or the Code may arise, for example, if the offered securities are acquired by a pension or other employee benefit plan with respect to which we or any of our affiliates is a service provider (or otherwise is a Party in Interest), unless such offered securities are acquired pursuant to an exemption for transactions effected on behalf of such plan by a "qualified professional asset manager" or pursuant to any other available exemption. Accordingly, any fiduciary or other Plan investor considering whether to purchase or hold a security should consult with its counsel regarding the availability of exemptive relief under Department of Labor Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 96-23 (relating to transactions determined by "in-house asset managers"), 95-60 (relating to transactions involving insurance company general accounts), 91-38 (relating to transactions involving bank collective investment funds), 90-1 (relating to transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts) or 84-14 (relating to transactions determined by independent "qualified professional asset managers") or any other prohibited transaction exemption issued by the Department of Labor. A purchaser of a security should be aware, however, that even if the conditions specified in one or more of the above-referenced exemptions are met, the scope of the exemptive relief provided by the exemption might not cover all acts which might be construed as prohibited transactions. In any event, each purchaser or holder of a security or any interest therein will be deemed to have represented by its purchase and holding thereof that either (i) it is not a Plan or acting on behalf of a Plan or acquiring the security with the Plan Assets or (ii) the acquisition and holding of the security is exempt pursuant to one or more foregoing prohibited transaction exemptions issued by the Department of Labor or another applicable exemption.

Moreover, because the acquisition and holding of a security may be deemed to be an indirect extension of credit between an investor and The Allstate Corporation, the security may not be purchased or held by any Plan, or any person investing Plan Assets of any Plan, if we or any of our affiliates (a) has investment or administrative discretion with respect to the Plan Assets used to effect such purchase or (b) has authority or responsibility to give, or regularly gives, investment advice with



respect to such Plan Assets, for a fee and pursuant to an agreement or understanding that such advice (1) will serve as a primary basis for investment decisions with respect to such Plan Assets, and (2) will be based on the particular investment needs of such Plan.

The Department of Labor has promulgated a regulation, 29 C.F.R. §2510.3-101, which we refer to as the Plan Asset Regulation, describing what constitutes the assets of a Plan with respect to the Plan's investment in an entity for purposes of the fiduciary responsibility provisions of Title I of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code. Under the Plan Asset Regulation, if a Plan invests in an "equity interest" of an entity that is neither a "publicly offered security" nor a security issued by an investment company registered under the 1940 Act, the Plan's assets are deemed to include both the equity interest itself and an undivided interest in each of the entity's underlying assets, unless it is established that the entity is an "operating company" or that equity participation by "benefit plan investors" is not "significant." The Plan Asset Regulation provides, however, that where the value of a plan's equity interest in an entity relates solely to identified property of the entity, such property shall be treated as the sole property of a separate entity. Any fiduciary or other Plan investor considering whether to purchase any securities on behalf of or with Plan Assets of any Plan should consult with its counsel and refer to this prospectus for guidance regarding the potential ERISA and Code consequences of an investment in the securities considering their specific circumstances.

Certain employee benefit plans, such as governmental plans (as defined in Section 3(32) of ERISA) and certain church plans (as defined in Section 3(33) of ERISA), are not subject to the fiduciary responsibility provisions of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code. Accordingly, assets of such plans may be invested in the securities without regard to the ERISA considerations described herein, subject to the provisions or other applicable federal and state law. However, any such plan that is qualified and exempt from taxation under Sections 401(a) and 501(a) of the Code is subject to the prohibited transaction rules set forth in Section 503 of the Code. Furthermore, a governmental plan may be subject to federal, state or local laws which are similar to the provisions of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

Due to the complexity of these rules and the penalties that may be imposed upon Parties in Interest in non-exempt prohibited transactions, it is particularly important that fiduciaries or other persons considering purchasing securities on behalf of, or with "plan assets" of, any Plan consult with their counsel regarding the potential consequences of such purchase and the availability of exemptive relief under Department of Labor Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 96-23, 95-60, 91-38, 90-1 or 84-14 and determine on its own whether all of the conditions of the applicable prohibited transaction exemption (or any other prohibited transaction exemption issued by the Department of Labor) have been satisfied and that its purchase and holding of the securities will be entitled to full exemptive relief. The fiduciary of an employee benefit plan that is not subject to ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code proposing to invest in the securities must make its own determination that such investment is permitted under applicable law.

**PART II**  
**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION.**

The following table sets forth the expenses (other than underwriting discounts and commissions) expected to be incurred with the Offerings described in this Registration Statement. All amounts set forth in the table below are estimated.

|   |    |         |
|---|----|---------|
| Registration Fee  | \$ | *       |
| Printing Costs for Registration Statement, prospectus and related documents |    | 30,000  |
| Accounting Fees and Expenses  |    | 42,000  |
| Legal Fees and Expenses   |    | 100,000 |
| Trustees' Fees  |    | 5,000   |
| Rating Agencies' Fees   |    | 371,000 |
| Miscellaneous   |    | 56,000  |
|   |    | <hr/>   |
| *Total  | \$ | 604,000 |
|   |    | <hr/>   |

\* Deferred in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933, except for \$56,630 that has already been paid with respect to the \$700,000,000 aggregate initial offering price of securities that were previously registered pursuant to Registration Statement No. 333-108253 and were not sold thereunder.

**ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.**

Article IV of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Allstate provides that Allstate will indemnify all of its directors, former directors, officers and former officers, to the fullest extent permitted under law, who were or are a party or are threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that such persons were or are directors or officers of Allstate, against liabilities, expenses, judgments, fines, excise taxes or penalties assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan or trust and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by them. The indemnity shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which directors or officers may be entitled by law or under any articles of incorporation, by-law, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise. In addition, the indemnity shall inure to the benefit of the legal representatives of directors and officers or of their estates, whether such representatives are court appointed or otherwise designated, and to the benefit of the heirs of such directors and officers. The indemnity shall extend to and include claims for such payments arising out of any proceeding commenced or based on actions of such directors and officers taken prior to the effectiveness of this indemnity; provided that payment of such claims had not been agreed to or denied by Allstate before such date.

Article Eighth of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Allstate provides that a director of Allstate shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty as a director, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Under Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, a corporation may indemnify a person who was made a party to a proceeding or threatened to be made a party to a proceeding by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director or officer of the corporation against liability actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. A corporation may not indemnify a director or officer in connection

with a proceeding where such person is adjudged liable to the corporation, unless the court in which the proceeding is brought determines that such director or officer is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity.

Allstate has provided liability insurance for each director and officer for certain losses arising from claims or charges made against them while acting in their capacities as directors or officers of Allstate.

#### ITEM 16. EXHIBITS.

| Exhibit Number | Description   |
|----------------|---|
| 1.1            | Form of Underwriting Agreement relating to Debt Securities, Debt Warrants and Preferred Stock.  |
| 1.2            | Form of Underwriting Agreement relating to Preferred Securities and the related Preferred Securities Guarantees.*   |
| 1.3            | Form of Underwriting Agreement relating to Common Stock.*   |
| 1.4            | Form of Underwriting Agreement relating to Other Warrants.*   |
| 1.5            | Form of Underwriting Agreement relating to Stock Purchase Contracts.*   |
| 1.6            | Form of Underwriting Agreement relating to Stock Purchase Units.*   |
| 3.1            | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of The Allstate Corporation incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(a) of our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1999 filed August 12, 1999. (File No. 1-11840)  |
| 3.2            | Amended and Restated Bylaws of The Allstate Corporation, effective September 11, 2005. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of our Form 8-K filed September 15, 2005. (File No. 1-11840)  |
| 4.1            | Indenture for Senior Debt Securities, dated as of December 16, 1997, between The Allstate Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association (successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company), as Trustee incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of our Form 8-K filed December 19, 1997, as amended by the Third Supplemental Indenture dated as of July 23, 1999 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Form 8-K filed November 23, 1999 and as further amended by the Sixth Supplemental Indenture dated as of June 12, 2000 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to our Form 8-K filed June 14, 2000. (File No. 1-11840)       |
| 4.2            | Indenture for Subordinated Debt Securities, dated as of November 25, 1996, between The Allstate Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association (successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company), as Trustee incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of our Form 8-K filed December 6, 1996, as amended by the Third Supplemental Indenture dated as of July 23, 1999 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to our Form 8-K filed November 23, 1999 and as further amended by the Fourth Supplemental Indenture dated as of June 12, 2000 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Form 8-K filed June 14, 2000. (File No. 1-11840) |
| 4.2A           | Form of Supplemental Indenture between The Allstate Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association (successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company), as Trustee incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4A of our Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-61817 filed August 19, 1998.   |
| 4.3            | Certificate of Trust of Allstate Financing III incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 of our Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-61817 filed August 19, 1998.   |
| 4.4            | Declaration of Trust of Allstate Financing III incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 of our Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-61817 filed August 19, 1998.   |
| 4.5            | Certificate of Trust of Allstate Financing IV incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 of our Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-61817 filed August 19, 1998.  |
| 4.6            | Declaration of Trust of Allstate Financing IV incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 of our Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-61817 filed August 19, 1998.  |

- 4.7 Certificate of Trust of Allstate Financing V incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.9 of our Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-61817 filed August 19, 1998.
- 4.8 Declaration of Trust of Allstate Financing V incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.10 of our Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-61817 filed August 19, 1998.
- 4.9 Certificate of Trust of Allstate Financing VI incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.11 of our Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-61817 filed August 19, 1998.
- 4.10 Declaration of Trust of Allstate Financing VI incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.12 of our Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-61817 filed August 19, 1998.
- 4.11 Form of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust (substantially identical, except for names and dates, for Allstate Financing III, Allstate Financing IV, Allstate Financing V and Allstate Financing VI) incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.13 of our Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-108253 filed August 27, 2003.
- 4.12 Form of Preferred Securities Guarantee (substantially identical, except for names and dates, for Allstate Financing III, Allstate Financing IV, Allstate Financing V and Allstate Financing VI) incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.14 of our Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-108253 filed August 27, 2003.
- 4.13 Form of Debt Warrant Agreement incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.15 of our Form S-3 Registration Statement No. 333-61817 filed August 19, 1998.
- 4.14 Form of other Warrant Agreement(s).\*
- 4.15 Form of Deposit Agreement.\*
- 4.16 Form of Depository Receipt (included in Annex A of Exhibit 4.15).\*
- 4.17 Instruments Defining the Rights of Holders of Common Stock (included in Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2).
- 4.18 Form of Stock Purchase Contract Agreement.\*
- 4.19 Form of Pledge Agreement.\*
  - 5.1 Opinion of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae LLP
  - 5.2 Opinion of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. with respect to Allstate Financing III, Allstate Financing IV, Allstate Financing V and Allstate Financing VI.
- 12 Computation of Earnings to Fixed Charges Ratio.
- 15 Acknowledgment of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
- 23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 23.2 Consent of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.3 Consents of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. (included in Exhibit 5.2).
- 24 Powers of Attorney (included in the signature page hereto).
- 25.1 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of U.S. Bank National Association (as successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company), as Trustee for the Senior Indenture for the Senior Debt Securities.
- 25.2 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of U.S. Bank National Association (as successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company), as Trustee for the Subordinated Indenture for the Subordinated Debt Securities.
- 25.3 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of U.S. Bank National Association, as Property Trustee for the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of Allstate Financing III.
- 25.4 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of U.S. Bank National Association, as Property Trustee for the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of Allstate Financing IV.
- 25.5 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of U.S. Bank National Association, as Property Trustee for the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of Allstate Financing V.

- 25.6 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of U.S. Bank National Association, as Property Trustee for the Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of Allstate Financing VI.
- 25.7 Statement of Eligibility under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of U.S. Bank National Association, as Preferred Guarantee Trustee for the Preferred Securities Guarantees.

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\* To be filed by amendment or by a report on Form 8-K pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

#### ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS.

The undersigned registrants hereby undertake:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement, or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof, which individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered, if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered, and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*provided, however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrants pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by a registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which the prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of a registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, each undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of an undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrants will be sellers to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of an undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of an undersigned registrant or used or referred to by an undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about an undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of an undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by an undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(6) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of Allstate's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(7) To file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrants pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrants have been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and

is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrants will, unless in the opinion of their counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by them is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, The Allstate Corporation certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Township of Northfield, County of Cook, State of Illinois, on this 16th day of May, 2006.

THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

By:           /s/ DANNY L. HALE

Name: Danny L. Hale  
Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Edward M. Liddy, Thomas J. Wilson, II, Danny L. Hale, Michael M. McCabe, Samuel H. Pilch, Steven C. Verney and Mary J. McGinn as true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, each acting alone, with full powers of substitution and resubstitution, for such person and in such person's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments, including any post-effective amendments, to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact or their substitutes, each acting alone, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <u>SIGNATURE</u>  | <u>TITLE</u>   | <u>DATE</u>  |
|---|--|--------------|
| <u>          /s/ EDWARD M. LIDDY</u><br>Edward M. Liddy     | Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer,<br>Director (Principal Executive Officer) | May 16, 2006 |
| <u>          /s/ DANNY L. HALE</u><br>Danny L. Hale         | Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal<br>Financial Officer)                  | May 16, 2006 |
| <u>          /s/ SAMUEL H. PILCH</u><br>Samuel H. Pilch     | Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)  | May 16, 2006 |
| <u>          /s/ F. DUANE ACKERMAN</u><br>F. Duane Ackerman | Director   | May 16, 2006 |



*/s/ JAMES G. ANDRESS*

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James G. Andress

Director

May 16, 2006

*/s/ W. JAMES FARRELL*

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W. James Farrell

Director

May 16, 2006

*/s/ JACK M. GREENBERG*

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Jack M. Greenberg

Director

May 16, 2006

*/s/ RONALD T. LEMAY*

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Ronald T. LeMay

Director

May 16, 2006

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J. Christopher Reyes

Director

*/s/ H. JOHN RILEY, JR.*

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H. John Riley, Jr.

Director

May 16, 2006

*/s/ JOSHUA I. SMITH*

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Joshua I. Smith

Director

May 16, 2006

*/s/ JUDITH A. SPRIESER*

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Judith A. Sprieser

Director

May 16, 2006

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Mary Alice Taylor

Director

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Allstate Financing III, Allstate Financing IV, Allstate Financing V and Allstate Financing VI certify that they have reasonable grounds to believe that they meet all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and have duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Township of Northfield, County of Cook, State of Illinois on this 16th day of May, 2006.

ALLSTATE FINANCING III  
(Registrant)

By: The Allstate Corporation, as Depositor

By: /s/ DANNY L. HALE

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Name: Danny L. Hale  
Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

ALLSTATE FINANCING IV  
(Registrant)

By: The Allstate Corporation, as Depositor

By: /s/ DANNY L. HALE

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Name: Danny L. Hale  
Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

ALLSTATE FINANCING V  
(Registrant)

By: The Allstate Corporation, as Depositor

By: /s/ DANNY L. HALE

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Name: Danny L. Hale  
Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

ALLSTATE FINANCING VI  
(Registrant)

By: The Allstate Corporation, as Depositor

By: /s/ DANNY L. HALE

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Name: Danny L. Hale  
Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

DEBT SECURITIES, DEBT WARRANTS  
AND PREFERRED STOCK

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UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

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[Date]

[Underwriters]

c/o [ ]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Allstate Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell to the several Underwriters named in Schedule II hereto (the "Underwriters"), for whom you (the "Representatives") are acting as representatives, [ ] (1) registered under the Registration Statement referred to in Section 1(a) below (the "Securities"), to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the [ ] (2) (the "Securities Agreement").

1. *Representations and Warranties.* The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each of the Underwriters that:

(a) The Company meets the requirements for the use of Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form S-3 (No. ) under the Act, which has become effective, for the registration under the Act of the Securities (such registration statement, including the exhibits thereto, as amended at the date of this Agreement and including the information (if any) deemed to be part of the registration statement pursuant to Rule 430A or Rule 430B under the Act, is hereinafter called the "Registration Statement"). No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement is in effect, and no proceedings for such purpose are pending before or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened by the Commission. If the Registration Statement is an automatic shelf registration statement as defined in Rule 405 under the Act, the Company is eligible to use the Registration Statement as an automatic shelf registration statement and the Company has not received notice that the Commission objects to the use of the Registration Statement as an automatic shelf registration statement. The Company proposes to file with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 under the Act a supplement or supplements relating to the Securities and the plan of distribution thereof to the form of prospectus included in the Registration Statement; such prospectus in the form in which it appears in the Registration Statement is hereinafter called the "Basic Prospectus"; and such Basic Prospectus, as so supplemented by the prospectus supplement or supplements relating to the Securities in the form provided to the Underwriters by the Company and first used to confirm sales of the Securities (or in the form first made available to the Underwriters by the Company to meet requests of purchasers pursuant to Rule 173 under the Act), is hereinafter called the "Final Prospectus." Any preliminary form of the Final Prospectus which has heretofore been filed

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(1) Insert principal amount and title of debt securities, number of shares of preferred stock or description of warrants.

(2) Insert title of the indenture or subordinated indenture (the "Indenture"), the debt warrant agreement or the certificate of incorporation of the Company (including the applicable certificate of designation), as applicable.

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pursuant to Rule 424 is hereinafter called the "Preliminary Final Prospectus." For purposes of this Agreement, "free writing prospectus" means a free writing prospectus as such term is defined in Rule 405 under the Act relating to the Securities and "Time of Sale Prospectus" means the Basic Prospectus together with the free writing prospectuses, if any, identified in Schedule V hereto, as of [a.m. / p.m.], Eastern Time, on (the "Applicable Time"). Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 which were filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), on or before the date of this Agreement, or the issue date of the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be; and any reference herein to the terms "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement, the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Final Prospectus or any free writing prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing of any free writing prospectus and the filing of any document under the Exchange Act after the date of this Agreement, or the issue date of the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Final Prospectus or any free writing prospectus, as the case may be, deemed to be incorporated therein by reference.

(b) As of the date hereof, when the Final Prospectus is first filed or transmitted for filing pursuant to Rule 424 under the Act, when, prior to the Time of Delivery (as hereinafter defined), any amendment to the Registration Statement becomes effective (including the filing of any document incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement), when any supplement to the Final Prospectus is filed with the Commission and at the Time of Delivery, (i) the Registration Statement, as amended as of any such time, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, as amended or supplemented as of any such time, and, in the case of Securities issued or to be issued pursuant to an Indenture, the Indenture, complied and will comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Act, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trust Indenture Act"), and the Exchange Act and the respective rules thereunder and (ii) neither the Registration Statement, as amended as of any such time, nor the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, as amended or supplemented as of such time, contained or will contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; provided, however, that the Company makes no representations or warranties as to (i) the parts of the Registration Statement which constitute the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification (Form T-1) under the Trust Indenture Act of the Trustees (the "Form T-1s") or (ii) the information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to such Underwriter or the underwriting arrangements furnished in writing to the Company by any Underwriter specifically for use therein.

(c) Each document incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, at the time they were, or hereafter are, filed with the Commission, complied or will comply and, at any time when a prospectus relating to the Securities is required to be delivered under the Act in connection with sales by any Underwriter or dealer, will comply in all material respects with the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(d) The Company is not an "ineligible issuer" in connection with the offering pursuant to Rules 164, 405 and 433 under the Act. Any free writing prospectus that the Company is required to file pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Act has been, or will be, filed with the Commission in accordance with the requirements of the Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder. Each free writing prospectus that the Company has filed, or is required to

file, pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Act or that was prepared by or behalf of or used by the Company complies or will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder. Except for the free writing prospectuses, if any, identified in Schedule V hereto, and electronic road shows each furnished to you before first use, the Company has not prepared, used or referred to, and will not, without your prior consent, prepare, use or refer to any free writing prospectus.

(e) The Company has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, has the corporate power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(f) Each subsidiary of the Company listed in Schedule III hereto (each, a "Principal Subsidiary") has been duly incorporated, is validly existing as an insurance company or a corporation, as the case may be, in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, has the corporate power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. The Principal Subsidiaries are currently the only operating insurance companies that are "significant subsidiaries" of the Company as that term is defined in Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the Act.

(g) All of the issued shares of capital stock of each Principal Subsidiary have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and nonassessable, and are owned of record directly or indirectly by the Company or another Principal Subsidiary, as the case may be, free and clear of any security interest, claim, lien or encumbrance.

(h) Each Principal Subsidiary is duly licensed or authorized as an insurer or reinsurer in each jurisdiction where it is required to be so licensed, except where the failure to be so licensed or authorized in any such jurisdiction does not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; the Company and each Principal Subsidiary have made all required filings under applicable insurance holding company statutes, and each is duly licensed or authorized as an insurance holding company in each jurisdiction where it is required to be so licensed, except where the failure to have made such filings or to be so licensed or authorized in any such jurisdiction does not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; the Company and each Principal Subsidiary have all necessary authorizations, approvals, orders, consents, registrations or qualifications of and from all insurance regulatory authorities to conduct their respective businesses as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, except where the failure to have such authorizations, approvals, orders, consents, registrations or qualifications does not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; and none of the Company or any Principal Subsidiary has received any notification from any insurance regulatory authority to the effect that any additional authorization, approval, order, consent, registration or qualification from such insurance regulatory authority is needed to be obtained by any of the Company or any Principal Subsidiary in any case where it could be

reasonably expected that (x) the Company or any Principal Subsidiary would in fact be required either to obtain any such additional authorization, approval, order, consent, registration or qualification or cease or otherwise limit writing certain business and (y) obtaining such authorization, approval, order, consent, license, certificate, permit, registration or qualification or limiting such business would have a material adverse effect on the business, financial position or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(i) Each Principal Subsidiary is in compliance with the requirements of the insurance laws and regulations of its state of incorporation and the insurance laws and regulations of other jurisdictions which are applicable to such Principal Subsidiary, and has filed all notices, reports, documents or other information required to be filed thereunder, except where the failure to so comply or file would not have a material adverse effect on the business, financial position or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(j) Other than as set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, there are no legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any property of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is the subject which, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; and, to the best of the Company's knowledge, no such proceedings are threatened.

(k) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(l) The applicable Securities Agreement has been duly authorized, and, in the case of Securities issued [or to be issued] pursuant to an Indenture, such Indenture has been executed and delivered by the Company and has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, [or in the case of preferred stock, the Certificate of Designation has been filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware] and, at the Time of Delivery for any Securities, each Securities Agreement will constitute a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable in accordance with its terms except as (i) the enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and (ii) rights of acceleration and the availability of equitable remedies may be limited by equitable principles of general applicability.

(m) The Securities have been duly authorized and, when the Securities are issued and delivered pursuant to this Agreement, such Securities will have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered (and, in the case of Securities representing capital stock of the Company, will be fully paid and nonassessable) and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company entitled to the benefits provided by the applicable Securities Agreement [and the debt securities to be issued upon exercise of the [Debt Warrants] in accordance with their terms have been duly authorized, and upon exercise of the [Debt Warrants] in accordance with their terms, will be executed, issued and delivered and constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company entitled to the benefits provided by the applicable Indenture].

(n) The issuance and sale of the Securities [(and the debt securities to be issued upon exercise of the [Debt Warrants] in accordance with their terms)], and compliance by the Company with all of the provisions of the Securities [(and the debt securities to be issued upon exercise of the [Debt Warrants] in accordance with their terms)], the applicable Securities Agreement and this Agreement will not conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument for borrowed money to which the Company or any Principal Subsidiary is a party or by which the Company or any of its Principal Subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its Principal Subsidiaries is subject, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation or

Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company or any of its Principal Subsidiaries or any statute or any order, rule or regulation of any court or insurance regulatory authority or other governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its Principal Subsidiaries or any of their properties, in each case other than such breaches, conflicts, violations or defaults which, individually or in the aggregate, would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, and no authorization, approval, order, consent, registration or qualification of or with any such court or insurance regulatory authority or other governmental agency or body is required for the issue or sale of the Securities, except such authorizations, approvals, orders, consents, registrations or qualifications as may be required under state or foreign securities or Blue Sky laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters, in each case other than such authorizations, approvals, orders, consents, registrations or qualifications which (individually or in the aggregate) the failure to make, obtain or comply with would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(o) Except as described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, there has not been any material adverse change in, or any adverse development which materially affects, the business, properties, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole from the dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus; and, since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, there has not been any material increase in the consolidated capital stock (other than issuances of capital stock upon exercise of options and stock appreciation rights, upon earn-outs of performance shares and upon conversions of convertible securities, in each case which were outstanding on the date of the latest balance sheet incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus) or any material increase in the consolidated long-term debt of the Company and its subsidiaries or any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the general affairs, management, financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus.

(p) There are no material contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Act with respect to any notes or debt of the Company owned or to be owned by such person or to require the Company to include such securities for registration pursuant to the Registration Statement or pursuant to any other registration statement filed by the Company under the Act.

(q) The Company is not, and after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, will not be an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company," as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(r) The Company maintains a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that: (w) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (x) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain accountability for assets; (y) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (z) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences; in each case, within the meaning of and to the extent required by Section 13(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act.



(s) During the fiscal year ended December 31, \_\_\_\_\_, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

(t) The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) that are effective in providing reasonable assurance that material information required to be disclosed in its reports filed with or submitted to the Commission under the Exchange Act is made known to management, including the Company's principal executive officer and the Company's principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company and delivered to the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Securities shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company, as to matters covered thereby, to each Underwriter.

2. *Purchase and Sale.* The Company hereby agrees to sell to the several Underwriters, and each Underwriter, upon the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained, but subject to the conditions hereinafter stated, agree, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company the respective [principal amounts] [number] of the Securities set forth in Schedule II hereto opposite their names at [ \_\_\_\_\_ % of the principal amount—the purchase price— [plus accrued interest, if any, from \_\_\_\_\_ ] to the date of payment and delivery] [for the purchase price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per [Debt Warrant] [share of Series Preferred Stock]].

3. *Payment and Delivery of the Securities.* Delivery of and payment for the Securities shall be made at 10:00 AM, New York City time, on \_\_\_\_\_, or at such time on such later date not more than three Business Days after the foregoing date as the Representatives shall designate, which date and time may be postponed by agreement between the Representatives and the Company or as provided in Section 11 hereof (such date and time of delivery and payment for the Securities being herein called the "Time of Delivery"). Delivery of the Securities shall be made to the Representatives for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters against payment by the several Underwriters through the Representatives of the purchase price thereof to or upon the order of the Company by wire transfer payable in same day funds to an account specified by the Company. Delivery of the Securities shall be made through the facilities of the Depository Trust Company unless the Representatives otherwise instruct.

4. *Offering by Underwriters.* It is understood that the several Underwriters propose to offer the Securities for sale to the public as set forth in the Final Prospectus.

5. *Company Covenants.* The Company agrees with each of the Underwriters of the Securities:

(a) (i) To prepare the Final Prospectus as amended and supplemented in relation to the Securities in a form approved by the Representatives and to timely file such Final Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act; (ii) to make no further amendment or any supplement to the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented after the date hereof and prior to the Time of Delivery for the Securities unless the Representatives shall have had a reasonable opportunity to review and comment upon any such amendment or supplement prior to any filing thereof; (iii) to advise the Representatives promptly of any such amendment or supplement after such Time of Delivery and furnish the Representatives with copies thereof; (iv) to file promptly all reports and any definitive proxy or information statements required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act for so long as the delivery of a prospectus is required in connection with the offering or sale of the Securities, and during such same period to advise the Representatives, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of (I) the time when any amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective or any supplement

or amendment to the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus has been filed with the Commission, (II) the issuance by the Commission of any stop order or of any order preventing or suspending the use of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, (III) the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction or of the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for any such purpose, or (IV) any request by the Commission for the amending or supplementing of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus or for additional information; and, in the event of the issuance of any such stop order or of any such order preventing or suspending the use of the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus or suspending any such qualification, to use promptly its best efforts to obtain its withdrawal;

(b) To furnish to you a copy of each proposed free writing prospectus to be prepared by or on behalf of, used by, or referred to by the Company and not to use or refer to any proposed free writing prospectus to which you reasonably object;

(c) Not to take any action that would result in an Underwriter or the Company being required to file with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Act a free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of the Underwriters that the Underwriters otherwise would not have been required to file thereunder;

(d) If the Time of Sale Prospectus is being used to solicit offers to buy the Securities at a time when the Final Prospectus is not yet available to prospective purchasers, to furnish the Underwriters with copies of the Time of Sale Prospectus as amended or supplemented in such quantities as the Representatives may from time to time reasonably request, and if at such time any event shall have occurred as a result of which the Time of Sale Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made when such Time of Sale Prospectus is delivered, not misleading, or, if for any other reason it shall be necessary during such period to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Prospectus or to file under the Exchange Act any document incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus in order to comply with the Act, the Exchange Act or the Trust Indenture Act, to notify the Representatives and upon their request to prepare and furnish without charge to each Underwriter and to any dealer in securities as many copies as the Representatives may from time to time reasonably request of an amended Time of Sale Prospectus or a supplement to the Time of Sale Prospectus which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance;

(e) Promptly from time to time to take such action as the Representatives may reasonably request to qualify the Securities for offering and sale under the securities and insurance securities laws of such jurisdictions as the Representatives may request and to comply with such laws so as to permit the continuance of sales and dealings therein in such jurisdictions for as long as may be necessary to complete the distribution of the Securities, provided that in connection therewith, the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction;

(f) To furnish the Underwriters with copies of the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented in such quantities as the Representatives may from time to time reasonably request, and, if the delivery of a prospectus is required at any time in connection with the offering or sale of the Securities (or in lieu thereof the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the Act), and if at such time any event shall have occurred as a result of which the Final Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made when such Final Prospectus (or in lieu thereof the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the Act) is delivered, not misleading, or, if for any other reason it shall be

necessary during such period to amend or supplement the Final Prospectus or to file under the Exchange Act any document incorporated by reference in the Final Prospectus in order to comply with the Act, the Exchange Act or the Trust Indenture Act, to notify the Representatives and upon their request to prepare and furnish without charge to each Underwriter and to any dealer in securities as many copies as the Representatives may from time to time reasonably request of an amended Final Prospectus or a supplement to the Final Prospectus which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance;

(g) To make generally available to its securityholders as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than eighteen months after the effective date of the Registration Statement, an earnings statement of the Company and its subsidiaries (which need not be audited) complying with Section 11(a) of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; and

(h) During the period beginning from the date hereof and continuing to and including the latter of (i) the termination of trading restrictions for the Securities, as notified to the Company by the Representatives or their counsel and (ii) the Time of Delivery for the Securities, not to offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of any securities of the Company which are substantially similar to the Securities, without the prior written consent of the Representatives, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(i) The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

6. *Fees and Expenses.* The Company covenants and agrees with the several Underwriters that the Company will pay or cause to be paid the following: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Company's counsel and accountants in connection with the registration of the Securities under the Act and all other expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement, Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Final Prospectus and any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of, used by or referred to by the Company, and amendments and supplements to any of the foregoing and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers; (ii) the cost of printing or producing this Agreement, any Blue Sky Survey and any Legal Investment Memoranda in connection with the offering, purchase, sale and delivery of the Securities; (iii) all reasonable expenses in connection with the qualification of the Securities for offering and sale under state securities and insurance securities laws as provided in Section 5(e) hereof, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky and Legal Investment surveys; (iv) the filing fees incident to securing any required review by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. of the terms of the sale of the Securities; (v) any fees charged by securities rating services for rating the Securities; (vi) the cost of preparing the Securities; (vii) the fees and expenses of any Trustee, Debt Warrant Agent, Paying Agent or Transfer Agent and the fees and disbursements of counsel for any such Trustee, Debt Warrant Agent, Paying Agent or Transfer Agent in connection with a Securities Agreement and the Securities issued pursuant to any Securities Agreement; and (viii) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of its obligations hereunder which are not otherwise specifically provided in this Section. It is understood, however, that, except as provided in this Section, Section 8 and Section 10 hereof, the Underwriters will pay all of their own costs and expenses, including the fees of their counsel, transfer taxes on resale of any of the Securities by them, and any advertising expenses connected with any offers they may make.

7. *Conditions to Underwriters' Obligations.* The obligations of the Underwriters to purchase the Securities shall be subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the

Company contained herein as of the execution of this Agreement and as of the Time of Delivery, to the accuracy of the statements of the Company made in any certificates pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions:

(a) The Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented in relation to the Securities shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by the rules and regulations under the Act and in accordance with Section 5(a) hereof; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any part thereof shall have been issued and no proceeding for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission; and all requests for additional information on the part of the Commission shall have been complied with to the Representatives' reasonable satisfaction;

(b) [ ], counsel for the Company, shall have furnished to you their written opinion, dated the Time of Delivery for the Securities, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to you, to the effect that:

(i) The Company is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with corporate power and authority to own or lease, as the case may be, and to operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus;

(ii) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company;

(iii) [[For Securities other than shares of capital stock:] The Securities have been duly authorized, and (assuming their due authentication by the Trustee, if applicable) have been duly executed, issued and delivered and constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company entitled to the benefits provided by the Securities Agreement,] [[For shares of capital stock:] The Securities have been duly authorized and, when issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable,] [and the debt securities to be issued upon exercise of the [Debt Warrants] in accordance with their terms have been duly authorized, and upon exercise of the [Debt Warrants] in accordance with their terms, will be duly executed, issued and delivered and constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company entitled to the benefits provided by the applicable Indenture;] and the Securities and the applicable Securities Agreement conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus;

(iv) The applicable Securities Agreement has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, if applicable, and has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company, and in the case of the Certificate of Designation, if applicable, has been filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, and constitutes a valid and legally binding instrument, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject, as to enforcement, to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization and other laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles;

(v) The Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented and any further amendments thereto made by the Company prior to such Time of Delivery for the Securities (in each case other than with respect to the financial statements, financial and accounting data and related schedules incorporated by reference or included therein or excluded therefrom, or the exhibits to the Registration Statement, including the Form T-1, as to which such counsel need express no opinion or belief), appear on their face to be appropriately responsive in all material respects to the requirements of the Act and the Trust Indenture Act and the applicable rules and regulations

of the Commission thereunder; provided that, such counsel shall not be deemed to be passing upon and shall not be required to assume any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Registration Statement, Time of Sale Prospectus and Final Prospectus;

(vi) The issue and sale of the Securities [(and the debt securities to be issued upon exercise of the [Debt Warrants] in accordance with their terms)], and the performance by the Company of its obligations under the applicable Securities Agreement, the Securities [(and the debt securities to be issued upon exercise of the [Debt Warrants] in accordance with their terms)] or this Agreement and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated therein will not conflict with or result in a breach of any of the provisions of the Act, the Exchange Act, the Trust Indenture Act or the rules and regulations issued pursuant to each such act.

(vii) All consents, approvals, authorizations, orders, registrations, and qualifications of or with any United States court or governmental agency or body required for the issue and sale of the Securities [(including the debt securities to be issued upon exercise of the [Debt Warrants] in accordance with their terms)] by the Company or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement under the Act, the Exchange Act, the Trust Indenture Act or the rules and regulations issued pursuant to each such act have been obtained or made.

(viii) As such counsel, such counsel reviewed the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented, participated in discussions with representatives of the Underwriters and of the Company and its accountants at which contents of the Registration Statement, Time of Sale Prospectus and Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented and related matters were discussed; on the basis of the information that such counsel gained in the course of the performance of their services referred to above, although such counsel shall not be deemed to be passing upon and shall not assume any responsibility for, the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus and shall not be required to have made an independent check or verification thereof (except as described in paragraph (iii) hereof), on the basis of the foregoing, no facts have come to the attention of such counsel in the course of such review which have caused such counsel to believe that, (A) as of its effective date, the Registration Statement or any further amendment thereto made by the Company prior to the Time of Delivery (other than the financial statements and the financial and accounting data and related schedules incorporated by reference or included therein or excluded therefrom, or the exhibits to the Registration Statement, including the Form T-1, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or that (B) as of the Applicable Time (which the Underwriters shall have informed such counsel is prior to the time of the first sale of the Securities by the Underwriters), the Time of Sale Prospectus (other than the financial statements and financial and accounting data and related schedules incorporated by reference or included therein or excluded therefrom, or the exhibits to the Registration Statement, including the Form T-1, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading or that (C) as of its date or the Time of Delivery, the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented or any further amendment or supplement thereto made by the Company prior to the Time of Delivery (other than the financial statements and financial and accounting data and related schedules incorporated by reference or included therein or

excluded therefrom, or the exhibits to the Registration Statement, including the Form T-1, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) contained or contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading; and

(ix) The Company is not an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company," as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(c) [ ], [ ] of the Company, shall have furnished to you his/her written opinion, dated the Time of Delivery for the Securities, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to you, to the effect that:

(i) Each of Allstate Insurance Company ("AIC") and Allstate Life Insurance Company ("ALIC") has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as an insurance company under the laws of the State of Illinois with corporate power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus (such counsel being entitled to rely, with respect to the opinion in this clause (i), upon the opinions of members of the Company's in-house legal staff);

(ii) All of the issued shares of capital stock of each Principal Subsidiary have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and nonassessable, and are owned of record directly or indirectly by the Company free and clear of any perfected security interest and, to the knowledge of such counsel, after due inquiry, any other security interest, claim, lien or encumbrance (such counsel being entitled to rely, with respect to the opinion in this clause (ii), upon opinions of local or in-house counsel and, in respect of matters of fact, upon certificates of officers of the Company or its subsidiaries, provided that such counsel shall state that he/she believes that both you and he/she are justified in relying upon such opinions or certificates);

(iii) Each Principal Subsidiary is duly licensed or authorized as an insurer or reinsurer in each other jurisdiction where it is required to be so licensed, except where the failure to be so licensed or authorized in any such jurisdiction does not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; the Company and each Principal Subsidiary have made all required filings under applicable insurance holding company statutes, and each is duly licensed or authorized as an insurance holding company in each jurisdiction where it is required to be so licensed or authorized, except where the failure to have made such filings or to be so licensed or authorized in any such jurisdiction does not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; the Company and each Principal Subsidiary have all necessary authorizations, approvals, orders, consents, registrations or qualifications of and from all insurance regulatory authorities to conduct their respective businesses as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, except where the failure to have such authorizations, approvals, orders, consents, registrations or qualifications does not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; and none of the Company or any Principal Subsidiary has received any notification from any insurance regulatory authority to the effect that any additional authorization, approval, order, consent, registration or qualification from such insurance regulatory authority is needed to be obtained by any of the Company or any Principal Subsidiary in any case where it could be reasonably expected that (x) the Company or any Principal Subsidiary would in fact be required either to obtain any such additional authorization, approval, order, consent,

registration or qualification or cease or otherwise limit writing certain business and (y) obtaining such authorization, approval, order, consent, license, certificate, permit, registration or qualification or limiting such business would have a material adverse effect on the business, financial position or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole (such counsel being entitled to rely, with respect to the opinion in this clause (iii), upon opinions of local or in-house counsel and, in respect of matters of fact, upon certificates of officers of the Company or its subsidiaries, provided that such counsel shall state that he/she believes that both you and he/she are justified in relying upon such opinions and certificates);

(iv) To the best of such counsel's knowledge, after due inquiry, and other than as set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, each Principal Subsidiary is in compliance with the requirements of the insurance laws and regulations of its state of domicile and the insurance laws and regulations of other jurisdictions which are applicable to such Principal Subsidiary, and has filed all notices, reports, documents or other information required to be filed thereunder, or is subject to no material liability or disability by reason of the failure to so comply or file (such counsel being entitled to rely, with respect to this clause (iv), upon opinions of local or in-house counsel and, in respect of matters of fact, upon certificates of officers of the Company or its subsidiaries, provided that such counsel shall state that he/she believes that both you and he/she are justified in relying upon such opinions and certificates);

(v) To the best of such counsel's knowledge, after due inquiry, and other than as set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, there are no legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or to which any property of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject which, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; and, to the best of such counsel's knowledge, no such proceedings are threatened;

(vi) The issuance and sale of the Securities [(and the securities to be issued upon exercise of the [Debt Warrants] in accordance with their terms), and the performance by the Company of its obligations under the applicable Securities Agreement, the Securities [(and the debt securities to be issued upon exercise of the [Debt Warrants])] and this Agreement and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated therein and herein will not conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other material agreement or instrument relating to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, as such agreements or instruments have been amended (which indentures, mortgages, deeds of trust, loan agreements or other agreements or instruments may be specified by such counsel on a schedule attached to his/her opinion); nor will any such action result in any violation of the provisions of the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation or the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company or any of its Principal Subsidiaries or any applicable United States law or statute or any order, rule or regulation of any United States court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company, its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties, provided, that the foregoing opinion is limited to those statutes, laws, rules and regulations of the United States of America, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the State of Illinois, in each case, which, in the opinion of such counsel, are normally applicable to transactions of the type contemplated by this Agreement, and provided further, that no opinion need be given with respect to (A) the Act, the Exchange Act, the Trust Indenture Act, the rules and regulations issued pursuant to each such act, any order, rule or regulation made

or established by any insurance official or regulatory authority or the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., or state securities or Blue Sky laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters or (B) conflicts, breaches or violations which individually and in the aggregate both would not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, business or operations of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole and would not have a material adverse effect on the sale or ownership of the Securities (such counsel being entitled to rely, with respect to the opinion in this clause (vi), upon opinions of local or in-house counsel and, in respect of matters of fact, upon certificates of officers of the Company or its subsidiaries, provided that such counsel shall state that he/she believes that both you and he/she are justified in relying upon such opinions and certificates);

(vii) No consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any United States court or governmental agency or body is required for the issue and sale of the Securities by the Company or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except that such counsel need not express any opinion with respect to such consents, approvals, authorizations, orders, registrations or qualifications (A) as may be required under the Act, the Exchange Act, the Trust Indenture Act, the rules and regulations issued pursuant to each such act, any order, rule or regulation made or established by any insurance official or regulatory authority or the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., (B) as may be required under state securities or Blue Sky laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters, (C) the absence of which individually or in the aggregate both are not material to the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole and would not have a material adverse effect on the sale or ownership of the Securities or (D) as may be required under foreign laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by any international managers; provided, that the foregoing opinion is limited to those consents, approvals, authorizations, orders, registrations and qualifications under laws which, in the experience of such counsel, are normally applicable to transactions of the type contemplated by this Agreement;

(viii) To the best of such counsel's knowledge, after due inquiry, the Company and its subsidiaries, as applicable, have filed all notices, reports, documents or other information required to be filed pursuant to, and have obtained all authorizations, approvals, orders, consents, registrations or qualifications required to be obtained under, and have otherwise complied with all requirements of, all applicable insurance laws and regulations known to such counsel to be normally applicable to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in connection with the issuance and sale by the Company of the Securities and, except as have been obtained pursuant to the foregoing clause, no filing, authorization, approval, order, consent, registration or qualification of or with any insurance regulatory agency having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their properties known to such counsel to be normally applicable to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the applicable Securities Agreement is required for the issue and sale of the Securities or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except such filings, authorizations, approvals, orders, consents, registrations or qualifications which (individually or in the aggregate) the failure to make, obtain or comply with would not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole or a material adverse effect on the sale or ownership of the Securities;

(ix) To the best of such counsel's knowledge, after due inquiry, there are no material contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Act with respect to any notes or debt of the Company owned or to be owned by such person or to



require the Company to include such securities for registration pursuant to the Registration Statement or pursuant to any other registration statement filed by the Company under the Act;

(x) Such counsel reviewed the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented, participated in various discussions with representatives of the Underwriters and of the Company and its accountants at which contents of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented were discussed; on the basis of the information that such counsel gained in the course of his/her activities referred to above and as [ ] of the Company, such counsel confirms that the Registration Statement, as of its effective date, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, as amended or supplemented (in each case other than with respect to the financial statements, financial and accounting data and related schedules incorporated by reference or included therein or excluded therefrom, as to which such counsel need express no opinion or belief), appear on their face to be appropriately responsive in all material respects to the requirements of the Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; and, although such counsel is not passing upon and does not assume any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented (except as expressly set forth in such opinion), on the basis of the foregoing, no facts have come to the attention of such counsel in the course of such review which have caused such counsel to believe that, (A) as of its effective date, the Registration Statement or any further amendment thereto made by the Company prior to such Time of Delivery (other than the financial statements, financial and accounting data and related schedules incorporated by reference or included therein or excluded therefrom or the exhibits to the Registration Statement, including the Form T-1, and other than the information under the captions "Description of Debt Securities," "Description of Capital Stock," "Description of Depositary Shares," "Description of Warrants," "Description of Stock Purchase Contracts and Stock Purchase Units," "Description of Trust Preferred Securities," "Description of Preferred Securities Guarantees" and "Plan of Distribution" in the Basic Prospectus and in the description of the Securities and underwriting matters contained in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented (collectively, the "Excluded Information"), as to which such counsel need express no opinion) contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or that (B) as of the Applicable Time (which the Underwriters shall have informed such counsel is prior to the time of the first sale of the Securities by the Underwriters), the Time of Sale Prospectus (other than the financial statements, financial and accounting data and related schedules incorporated by reference or included therein or excluded therefrom or the exhibits to the Registration Statement, including the Form T-1, and other than the Excluded Information, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or that (C) as of its date or the Time of Delivery, the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented or any further amendment or supplement (when considered together with the document to which such supplement relates) thereto made by the Company prior to such Time of Delivery (other than the financial statements, financial and accounting data and related schedules incorporated by reference or included therein or excluded therefrom or the exhibits to the Registration Statement, including the Form T-1, and other than the Excluded Information, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) contained or contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein,

in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and he/she does not know of any amendment to the Registration Statement required to be filed or of any contracts or other documents of a character required to be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement or required to be incorporated by reference into the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented or required to be described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented which are not filed, incorporated by reference or described as required, in each case, other than with respect to the Excluded Information, as to which such counsel need express no opinion; and

(xi) On the basis of the information that such counsel gained in the course of the review referred to in paragraph (x) above and as [ ] of the Company (but without passing upon or assuming any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the documents described below), such counsel confirms that no facts have come to the attention of such counsel in the course of such review which have caused such counsel to believe that the documents incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented (in each case other than the financial statements, financial and accounting data and related schedules incorporated by reference or included therein or excluded therefrom, as to which such counsel need express no opinion), when they became effective or were filed with the Commission, as the case may be, did not comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Act or the Exchange Act, as applicable, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; and he/she has no reason to believe that any of such documents, when they became effective or were so filed, as the case may be, contained, in the case of a registration statement which became effective under the Act, an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or, in the case of other documents that were filed under the Act or the Exchange Act with the Commission, an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading.

(d) The Representatives shall have received from [ ], counsel for the Underwriters, such opinion or opinions, dated the Time of Delivery and addressed to the Representatives, with respect to the issuance and sale of the Securities, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended and supplemented and other related matters as the Representatives may reasonably require, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they request for this purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.

(e) The Company shall have furnished to the Representatives a certificate of the Company, signed by the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, General Counsel, Treasurer or Controller of the Company, dated the Time of Delivery, to the effect that the signatory of such certificate has carefully examined the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Final Prospectus and amendments and supplements thereto and this Agreement and that:

(i) the representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement are true and correct on and as of the Time of Delivery with the same effect as if made on the Time of Delivery and the Company has complied with all agreements and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Time of Delivery;

(ii) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened; and

(iii) since the date of the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus there has occurred no event required to be set forth in an amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or Final Prospectus, and there has been no document required to be filed under the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder which, upon filing, would be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus which has not been so filed.

(f) On the date hereof, [ ] shall have furnished to the Representatives a letter, dated the date hereof, to the effect set forth in Schedule IV hereto. As of the Time of Delivery, [ ] shall have furnished to the Representatives a letter, dated as of the Time of Delivery, reaffirming, as of such date, all of the statements set forth in Schedule IV hereto and otherwise in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives.

(g) Subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement, there shall not have been any decrease in the rating of any of the Company's debt securities by any of Moody's Investors Service or Standard & Poor's Corporation or any public notice given of any intended or potential decrease in any such rating or of a possible change in any such rating that does not indicate the direction of the possible change.

(h) Prior to or at the Time of Delivery, the Company shall have furnished or shall furnish to the Representatives such additional certificates of officers of the Company as to such other matters as the Representatives may reasonably request.

If any of the conditions specified in this Section 7 shall not have been fulfilled in all material respects when and as provided in this Agreement, or if any of the opinions and certificates mentioned above or elsewhere in this Agreement shall not be in all material respects reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, this Agreement and all obligations of the Underwriters hereunder may be cancelled at, or at any time prior to, the Time of Delivery by the Representatives. Notice of such cancellation shall be given to the Company in writing or by telephone or facsimile confirmed in writing.

The documents required to be delivered by this Section 7 shall be delivered at the office of [ ], counsel to the Underwriters, at [ ], at the Time of Delivery.

8. *Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses.* If the sale of the Securities provided herein is not consummated because any condition to the obligations of the Underwriters set forth in Section 7 (other than Section 7(d)) hereof is not satisfied, because of any termination pursuant to Section 12(i) hereof or because of any refusal, inability or failure by the Company to perform any agreement herein or comply with any provision hereof other than by reason of a default by any of the Underwriters, the Company will reimburse the Underwriters severally through [ ] on demand for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel) that shall have been incurred by them in connection with the proposed purchase and sale of the Securities.

9. *Covenants of the Underwriters; Offering Restrictions.*

(a) The Underwriters covenant with the Company not to take any action that would result in the Company being required to file with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d) a free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of the Underwriters that the Company otherwise would not have been required to file thereunder. The Underwriters acknowledge and agree that, except as may be set forth in Schedule V, the Company has not authorized or approved any "issuer

information" (as defined in Rule 433(h) under the Act) for use in any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of the Underwriters.

(b) Each Underwriter acknowledges, represents and agrees that it has not offered, sold or delivered and it will not offer, sell or deliver, any of the Securities, in or from any jurisdiction except under circumstances that are reasonably designed to result in compliance with the applicable securities laws and regulations thereof. In particular, each Underwriter acknowledges, represents and agrees as set forth in Schedule VI to this Agreement.

#### 10. *Indemnification and Contribution.*

(a) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, the directors, officers, employees and agents of each Underwriter and each person who controls any Underwriter, within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which they or any of them may become subject under the Act, the Exchange Act or other Federal or state statutory law or regulation, at common law or otherwise, insofar as: (i) such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement as originally filed or in any amendment thereof, or in the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, any free writing prospectus that the Company has filed, or is required to file, pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Act, or in any amendment thereof or supplement thereto; or (ii) arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. The Company agrees to reimburse each such indemnified party, as incurred, for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; *provided, however*, that the Company will not be liable in any such case arising in connection with this Section 10 to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon any such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of any Underwriter specifically for inclusion therein, and, *provided, further*, that the Company shall not be liable to any Underwriter under the indemnity agreement in this subsection (a) with respect to any Preliminary Final Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented, as the case may be, to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability of such Underwriter results from the fact such Underwriter sold the Securities to a person to whom there was not sent or given, at or prior to the written confirmation of such sale, a copy of the Final Prospectus, of any free writing prospectus or of the Final Prospectus as then amended or supplemented, whichever is most recent, in any case where such delivery (or in lieu thereof the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the Act) is required by the Act if the Company had previously furnished copies thereof to such Underwriter and the loss, claim, damage or liability of such Underwriter results from an untrue statement or omission of a material fact contained in the Preliminary Final Prospectus which was corrected in the Final Prospectus, such free writing prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have.

(b) Each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors, each of its officers who signs the Registration Statement, and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company to each Underwriter, but only with reference to written information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Underwriter specifically for inclusion in the documents referred to in the foregoing

indemnity. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which any Underwriter may otherwise have.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 10 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section 10, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the failure so to notify the indemnifying party: (i) will not relieve it from liability under paragraph (a) or (b) above unless and to the extent it did not otherwise learn of such action and such failure results in the forfeiture by the indemnifying party of substantial rights and defenses; and (ii) will not, in any event, relieve the indemnifying party from any obligations to any indemnified party other than the indemnification obligation provided in paragraph (a) or (b) above. The indemnifying party shall be entitled to appoint counsel of the indemnifying party's choice at the indemnifying party's expense to represent the indemnified party in any action for which indemnification is sought (in which case the indemnifying party shall not thereafter be responsible for the fees and expenses of any separate counsel retained by the indemnified party or parties except as set forth below) and to participate in and assume the defense of the claim associated with such action; provided, however, that such counsel shall be satisfactory to the indemnified party. Notwithstanding the indemnifying party's election to appoint counsel to represent the indemnified party in an action, the indemnified party shall have the right to employ separate counsel (including local counsel), and the indemnifying party shall bear the reasonable fees, costs and expenses of such separate counsel if: (i) the use of counsel chosen by the indemnifying party to represent the indemnified party would present such counsel with a conflict of interest; (ii) the actual or potential defendants in, or targets of, any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party; (iii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of the institution of such action; or (iv) the indemnifying party shall authorize the indemnified party to employ separate counsel at the expense of the indemnifying party. An indemnifying party will not, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any pending or threatened claim, action, suit or proceeding in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties to such claim or action), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such claim, action, suit or proceeding and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act, by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) In the event that the indemnity provided in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section 10 is unavailable to, or insufficient to hold harmless, an indemnified party for any reason, the Company and the Underwriters severally agree to contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending same) (collectively "Losses") to which the Company and one or more of the Underwriters may be subject in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company, on the one hand, and by the Underwriters, on the other, from the offering of the Securities; provided, however, that in no case shall any Underwriter (except as may be provided in any agreement among underwriters relating to the offering of the Securities) be responsible for any amount in excess of the total price at which the applicable Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public. If the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is unavailable for any reason, the Company and the Underwriters severally shall contribute in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and of the

Underwriters, on the other, in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such Losses as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. Benefits received by the Company shall be deemed to be equal to the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by it, and benefits received by the Underwriters shall be deemed to be equal to the total underwriting discounts and commissions, in each case as set forth on the cover page of the Final Prospectus. Relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things: (i) whether any untrue or any alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information provided by the Company, on the one hand, or the Underwriters, on the other; (ii) the intent of the parties and their relative knowledge; (iii) access to information; and (iv) the opportunity to correct or prevent such untrue statement or omission. The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution were determined by pro rata allocation or any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph (d), no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section 10, each person who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act and each director, officer, employee and agent of an Underwriter shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, each officer of the Company who shall have signed the Registration Statement and each director of the Company shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company, subject in each case to the applicable terms and conditions of this paragraph (d).

11. *Defaulting Underwriters.* If any one or more Underwriters shall fail to purchase and pay for any of the Securities agreed to be purchased by the Underwriter or Underwriters hereunder and such failure to purchase shall constitute a default in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the remaining Underwriters shall be obligated severally to take up and pay for (in the respective proportions which the amount of Securities set forth opposite their names on Schedule II hereto bears to the aggregate amount of Securities set forth opposite the names of all the remaining Underwriters) the Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase; provided, however, that in the event that the aggregate amount of Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase shall exceed 10% of the aggregate amount of Securities set forth on Schedule II hereto, the remaining Underwriters shall have the right to purchase all, but shall not be under any obligation to purchase any, of the Securities, and if such non-defaulting Underwriters do not purchase all the Securities, this Agreement will terminate without any liability to any non-defaulting Underwriter or the Company. In the event of a default by any Underwriter as set forth in this Section 11, the Time of Delivery shall be postponed for such period, not exceeding five Business Days, as the Representatives shall determine in order that the required changes to the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Final Prospectus (including by means of a free writing prospectus) or in any other documents or arrangements may be effected. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter of its liability, if any, to the Company and any non-defaulting Underwriter for damages occasioned by its default hereunder.

12. *Termination.* This Agreement is subject to termination in the absolute discretion of the Representatives, by notice given to the Company prior to delivery of and payment for the Securities, if at any time prior to such time (i) trading in the Company's securities shall have been suspended by the Commission, (ii) trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange shall have been suspended or limited or minimum prices shall have been established on such Exchange, (iii) a banking moratorium shall have been declared either by Federal or New York State authorities or (iv) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities, declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war, or other calamity or crisis the effect of which on financial markets is such as to

make it, in the sole judgment of the Representatives, impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or delivery of the Securities as contemplated by the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplements thereto).

13. *Representations and Indemnities to Survive.* The respective agreements, representations, warranties, indemnities and other statements of the Company or its officers and of the several Underwriters set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or the Company or any of the officers, directors, employees, agents or controlling persons referred to in Section 10 hereof, and will survive the delivery of and payment for the Securities. The provisions of Section 8 and 10 hereof shall survive the termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

14. *Notices.* All communications hereunder will be in writing and effective only on receipt, and, if sent to the Representatives, will be mailed, delivered or telefaxed to [ ]; with a copy to [ ]; if sent to the Company, will be mailed, delivered or telefaxed to the address of the Company set forth in the Registration Statement, Attention: Secretary.

15. *Successors and Assigns.* This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and the officers, directors, employees, agent and controlling persons referred to in Section 10 hereof, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder.

16. *Time; 'Business Day'.* As used herein, the term 'business day' shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions or trust companies are authorized or obligated by law to close in New York City.

17. *Fiduciary Duties.* The Company acknowledges that in connection with the offering of the Securities: (a) the Underwriters have acted at arms length, are not agents of, and owe no fiduciary duties to, the Company or any other person, (b) the Underwriters owe the Company only those duties and obligations set forth in this Agreement and prior written agreements (to the extent not superseded by this Agreement), if any, and (c) the Underwriters may have interests that differ from those of the Company. The Company waives to the full extent permitted by applicable law any claims it may have against the Underwriters arising from an alleged breach of fiduciary duty in connection with the offering of the Securities.

18. *GOVERNING LAW.* THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

19. *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement, together with the letter from the Underwriters to the Company confirming the written information relating to the Underwriters furnished to the Company by the Underwriters specifically for inclusion in the documents referred to in Section 10(a), represents the entire agreement between the Company and the Underwriters with respect to the preparation of any Preliminary Final Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Final Prospectus, the conduct of the offering and the purchase and sale of the Securities.

20. *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to us the enclosed duplicate hereof, whereupon this letter and your acceptance shall represent a binding agreement among the Company and the several Underwriters.

Very truly yours,

THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

By:

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Name:

Title:

The foregoing Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date first above written.

[Representatives]

By:

By:

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Name:

Title:

For themselves and the other Underwriters named in Schedule II to the foregoing Agreement

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## SCHEDULE I

*Representatives*

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**SCHEDULE II**

| <b>Underwriters</b> | <b>Principal Amount of<br/>Securities to be Purchased</b> |
|---------------------|---|
| Total               | \$  |

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**SCHEDULE III**

**Principal Subsidiaries**

**Jurisdiction Of Incorporation**

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Allstate Insurance Company  
Allstate Life Insurance Company

Illinois  
Illinois

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## SCHEDULE IV

Pursuant to Section 7(f) of the Underwriting Agreement, the accountants shall furnish letters to the Underwriters to the effect that:

(i) They are an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries within the meaning of the Act, the Exchange Act and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the applicable published rules and regulations thereunder;

(ii) In their opinion, the financial statements and financial statement schedules, certain summary and selected consolidated financial and operating data, and any supplementary financial information and schedules (and, if applicable, pro forma financial information) audited by them and included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Final Prospectus or the Registration Statement comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Act and the Exchange Act and the related published rules and regulations thereunder; and, they have performed a review in accordance with standards established under Statement of Auditing Standards No. 100 established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants of the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements, and any supplementary financial information and schedules, selected financial data, pro forma financial information, prospective financial statements and/or condensed financial statements derived from audited financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus, Final Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, or the Registration Statement, for the periods specified in such letter, and, as indicated in their report thereon, copies of which have been furnished to the representatives of the Underwriters (the "Representatives");

(iii) On the basis of limited procedures, not constituting an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, consisting of a reading of the unaudited financial statements and other information referred to below, a reading of the latest available interim and annual financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, inspection of the minute books of the Company and its subsidiaries since the date of the latest audited financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented, inquiries of officials of the Company and its subsidiaries responsible for financial and accounting matters and such other inquiries and procedures as may be specified in such letter, nothing came to their attention that caused them to believe that:

(A) the unaudited consolidated statements of income, consolidated balance sheets and consolidated statements of cash flows and certain summary and selected consolidated financial and operating data included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented do not comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Act and the Exchange Act and the related published rules and regulations thereunder and generally accepted accounting principles, applied on a basis substantially consistent with that of the audited financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus;

(B) any other unaudited income statement data and balance sheet items included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented do not agree with the corresponding items in the unaudited consolidated financial statements from which such data and items were derived, and any such unaudited data and items were not determined on a basis substantially consistent with the basis for the corresponding amounts in the audited consolidated financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented;

(C) the unaudited financial statements which were not included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented but from which were derived any unaudited condensed financial statements referred to in

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Clause (A) and any unaudited income statement data and balance sheet items included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented and referred to in Clause (B) were not determined on a basis substantially consistent with the basis for the audited consolidated financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented;

(D) any unaudited pro forma consolidated condensed financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented do not comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Act and the Exchange Act and the published rules and regulations thereunder or the pro forma adjustments have not been properly applied to the historical amounts in the compilation of those statements.

(E) as of a specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of such letter, there have been any changes in the consolidated capital stock or any increase in the consolidated borrowings or consolidated reserve for property-liability insurance claims and claims expense or consolidated reserve for life insurance policy benefits, or asset reserves of the Company and its subsidiaries, or any decreases in consolidated fixed income securities available for sale, consolidated equity securities, consolidated investments or shareholder equity, or any decrease in AIC's or ALIC's statutory capital and surplus, or other items specified by the Representatives, in each case as compared with amounts shown in the latest balance sheet included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented, except in each case for changes, increases or decreases which the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus discloses have occurred or may occur or which are described in such letter; and

(F) for the period from the date of the latest financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented to the specified date referred to in Clause (E) there were any decreases in consolidated premiums earned, consolidated net investment income, or other items specified by the Representatives, or any increases in any items specified by the Representatives, in each case as compared with the comparable period of the preceding year and with any other period of corresponding length specified by the Representatives, except in each case for decreases or increases which the Final Prospectus discloses have occurred or may occur or which are described in such letter; and

(iv) In addition to the examination referred to in their report(s) included or incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented and the limited procedures, inspection of minute books, inquiries and other procedures referred to in paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above, they have carried out certain procedures as specified in their letter, not constituting an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, with respect to certain amounts, percentages and financial information specified by the Representatives, which are derived from the general accounting records of the Company and its subsidiaries, which appear or are incorporated by reference in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Final Prospectus as amended or supplemented or in Part II of, or in exhibits and schedules to, the Registration Statement specified by the Representatives, and have compared certain of such specified amounts, percentages and financial information with the accounting records of the Company and its subsidiaries and have found them to be in agreement.

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**SCHEDULE V**

**Free Writing Prospectuses**

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**SCHEDULE VI**

**Offering Restrictions**

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[LETTERHEAD OF LEBOEUF, LAMB, GREENE & MACRAE LLP]

May 16, 2006

The Allstate Corporation  
2775 Sanders Road  
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Re: Registration of Securities

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for The Allstate Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Allstate Financing III, Allstate Financing IV, Allstate Financing V and Allstate Financing VI, each a statutory trust formed under the laws of Delaware (each a "Trust" and, collectively, the "Trusts"), in connection with the preparation and filing with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") relating to the following securities of the Company: (i) unsecured senior debt securities (the "Senior Debt Securities"); (ii) unsecured subordinated debt securities (the "Subordinated Debt Securities" and, together with the Senior Debt Securities, the "Debt Securities"); (iii) shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"); (iv) shares of preferred stock, par value of \$1.00 per share (the "Preferred Stock"); (v) depositary shares (the "Depositary Shares") in the form of fractional interests in Debt Securities or fractional shares of the Common Stock or Preferred Stock in each case evidenced by depositary receipts (the "Receipts"); (vi) warrants for the purchase of Debt Securities, Preferred Stock or Common Stock or units of two or more of these types of securities (the "Warrants"); (vii) contracts for the purchase and sale of Common Stock, Preferred Stock or other property (the "Stock Purchase Contracts"); (viii) stock purchase units, consisting of a Stock Purchase Contract and any combination of Debt Securities, Common Stock, Preferred Stock, other Stock Purchase Contracts, Preferred Securities, Depositary Shares or preferred securities or debt obligations of third parties, including United States Treasury Securities (the "Stock Purchase Units"); and (ix) guarantees (the "Guarantees") of Preferred Securities, as described below. The Registration Statement also relates to the preferred securities of each of the Trusts (the "Preferred Securities" and, together with the Debt Securities, the Common Stock, the Preferred Stock, the Depositary Shares, the Receipts, the Warrants, the Stock Purchase Contracts, the Stock Purchase Units and the Guarantees, the "Offered Securities"). The Offered Securities will be issued from time to time pursuant to the provisions of Rule 415 under the Securities Act.

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The Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series pursuant to the Senior Indenture, dated as of December 16, 1997, as amended by a third supplemental indenture dated as of July 23, 1999 and as amended by a sixth supplemental indenture dated as of June 12, 2000 (as amended or supplemented, the "Senior Indenture") or the Subordinated Indenture, dated as of November 25, 1996, as amended by a third supplemental indenture dated as of July 23, 1999 and as amended by a fourth supplemental indenture dated as of June 12, 2000 (as amended or supplemented, the "Subordinated Indenture" and, together with the Senior Indenture, the "Indentures"), each of which is between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company), as trustee, and each of which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement. The Preferred Securities may be issued by each Trust pursuant to an Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, forms of which are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement. The Depositary Shares evidenced by Receipts may be issued pursuant to a Deposit Agreement (the "Deposit Agreement") between the Company and a depositary, which will be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement when such Depositary Shares are issued. The Warrants may be issued pursuant to Warrant Agreements to be entered into by the Company and a bank or trust company as Warrant Agent (each a "Warrant Agreement"), a form of which relating to Debt Warrants is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and a form of which relating to other Warrants will be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement when such Warrants are issued. The Guarantees may be issued pursuant to a Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement (each a "Guarantee Agreement") to be entered into between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, the form of which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement. The Stock Purchase Contracts and the Stock Purchase Units may be issued pursuant to a Stock Purchase Contract Agreement to be entered into between the Company and a bank or trust company as Purchase Contract Agent and a Pledge Agreement to be entered into between the Company, a Purchase Contract Agent and a bank or trust company as Collateral Agent, Custodial Agent and Securities Intermediary, each of which will be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement when such Stock Purchase Contracts or Stock Purchase Units are issued.

We have examined such corporate records, certificates and other documents as we have considered necessary for the purposes hereof. In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to the original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. As to any facts material to our opinions, we have, when relevant facts were not independently established, relied upon the aforesaid records, certificates and documents.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the limitations, qualifications and assumptions contained herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. The execution and delivery of the Indentures have been duly authorized by the Company. Assuming that any Debt Securities and any supplemental indenture to be entered into in connection with the issuance of such Debt Securities and the

terms of the offering thereof and related matters have been duly authorized, and the terms of such Debt Securities and the terms of their issuance and sale have been duly established in accordance with the applicable Indenture and the applicable supplemental indenture relating to such Debt Securities so as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company, when (i) the Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act, (ii) a supplemental indenture in respect of such Debt Securities has been duly executed and delivered and (iii) such Debt Securities have been duly executed and authenticated in accordance with the applicable Indenture and the applicable supplemental indenture relating to such Debt Securities and duly issued, paid for and delivered as contemplated in the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating thereto, and in accordance with any underwriting agreement and the terms of any other Offered Securities pursuant to which Debt Securities may be issued, such Debt Securities (including any Debt Securities that may be issued upon exercise, conversion, exchange or otherwise pursuant to the terms of any other Offered Securities) will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such principles are considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

2. Assuming that the shares of Common Stock and the terms of the offering thereof and related matters have been duly authorized, and the terms of their issuance and sale are such as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company, when (i) the Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act and (ii) certificates for the shares of Common Stock have been duly executed, issued, paid for and delivered as contemplated in the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating thereto, and in accordance with any underwriting agreement and the terms of any other Offered Securities pursuant to which shares of Common Stock may be issued, such shares of Common Stock (including any shares of Common Stock that may be issued upon exercise, conversion, exchange or otherwise pursuant to the terms of any other Offered Securities) will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
3. Assuming that shares of Preferred Stock and the terms of the offering thereof and related matters have been duly authorized, and their terms and the terms of their issuance and sale are such as not to violate any applicable law or result in a

default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company, when (i) the Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act, (ii) Certificate of Designations to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company classifying the shares of Preferred Stock and setting forth the terms thereof have been filed with the Delaware Secretary of State and accepted for record and (iii) certificates for the shares of Preferred Stock have been duly executed, issued, paid for and delivered as contemplated in the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating thereto, and in accordance with any underwriting agreement and the terms of any other Offered Securities pursuant to which shares of Preferred Stock may be issued, such shares of Preferred Stock (including any shares of Preferred Stock that may be issued upon exercise, conversion, exchange or otherwise pursuant to the terms of any other Offered Securities) will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

4. Assuming that Receipts and Depositary Shares and the terms of the offering thereof and related matters have been duly authorized, and the terms of such Depositary Shares and the terms of their issuance and sale have been duly established in conformity with such Deposit Agreement relating to such Depositary Shares and are such as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company, when (i) the Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act, (ii) the respective Deposit Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered, (iii)(a) the Debt Securities relating to such Depositary Shares have been duly and properly authorized for issuance as contemplated in paragraph 1 above or (b) the shares of Common Stock or of Preferred Stock, as the case may be, relating to such Depositary Shares have been duly and properly authorized for issuance and are fully paid and non-assessable as contemplated in paragraph 2 or 3 above, respectively, (iv) such Common Stock or Preferred Stock or the Debt Securities have been duly issued and paid for in the manner contemplated in the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating thereto and in accordance with any underwriting agreement and the terms of any Offered Securities pursuant to which the Debt Securities or shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, as the case may be, may be issued and (v) the Receipts evidencing such Depositary Shares are duly issued against the deposit of such Common Stock or Preferred Stock or the Debt Securities as contemplated in the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating thereto, and in accordance with the Deposit Agreement, any underwriting agreement and the terms of any Offered Securities relating to such issuance, such Receipts evidencing the Depositary Shares (including any Depositary Shares that may be

issued upon exercise, conversion, exchange or otherwise pursuant to the terms of any other Offered Securities) will be validly issued and will entitle the holders thereof to the rights specified therein and in the Deposit Agreement.

5. Assuming that the Warrants and the terms of the offering thereof and related matters have been duly authorized, and their terms and the terms of their issuance and sale are such as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company, when (i) the Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act, (ii) the Warrant Agreement or Agreements relating to the Warrants have been validly executed and delivered by the Company and the Warrant Agent appointed by the Company, (iii)(a) the Debt Securities issuable upon the exercise of the Warrants have been duly and properly authorized for issuance as contemplated in paragraph 1 above or (b) the shares of Common Stock or of Preferred Stock, as the case may be, issuable upon exercise of the Warrants have been duly and properly authorized for issuance as contemplated in paragraph 2 or 3 above, respectively, and (iv) the Warrants or certificates representing the Warrants have been duly executed, authenticated, issued, paid for and delivered as contemplated in the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating thereto, and in accordance with any underwriting agreement, such Warrants will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such principles are considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).
  
6. Assuming that Stock Purchase Contracts and the terms of the offering thereof and related matters have been duly authorized, and their terms and the terms of their issuance and sale are such as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company, when (i) the Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act, (ii) the shares of Common Stock or of Preferred Stock, as the case may be, issuable upon exercise of the Stock Purchase Contracts have been duly and properly authorized for issuance as contemplated by paragraph 2 or 3 above, respectively, and (iii) the Stock Purchase Contracts have been duly executed, authenticated, issued, paid for and delivered as contemplated in the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating thereto, and in accordance with any underwriting agreement, such Stock Purchase Contracts will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium,

fraudulent transfer or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such principles are considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

7. Assuming that Stock Purchase Units and the terms of the offering thereof and related matters have been duly authorized, and their terms and the terms of their issuance and sale are such as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company, when (i) the Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act, (ii) the other Offered Securities that are a component of such Stock Purchase Units have been duly and properly authorized for issuance and, in the case of Common Stock and Preferred Stock, are fully paid and non-assessable, (iii) in the case of Stock Purchase Units consisting at least in part of debt obligations of third parties, such debt obligations at all relevant times constitute the valid and binding obligations of the issuers thereof enforceable against the issuers thereof in accordance with their terms, (iv) the Stock Purchase Units have been duly executed, authenticated, and if required, issued, paid for and delivered as contemplated in the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating thereto, and in accordance with any underwriting agreement, such Stock Purchase Units will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such principles are considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).
  
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rights generally and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such principles are considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

We express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the laws of the State of New York, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "GCL"), the applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and the reported judicial decisions interpreting the Delaware Constitution and the GCL, and the federal laws of the United States of America.

We express no opinion as to the application of the securities or blue sky laws of the several states to the sale of the Offered Securities. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, except as set forth herein, we express no opinion in connection with the matters contemplated in the Registration Statement, and no opinion may be implied or inferred, except as expressly set forth herein.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name under the heading "Legal Opinions" in the Prospectus forming a part of the Registration Statement and in any amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement and Prospectus. In giving such consent, we do not thereby concede that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act, or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae LLP

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[Exhibit 5.1](#)



[LETTERHEAD OF RICHARDS, LAYTON & FINGER, P.A.]

May 17, 2006

The Allstate Corporation  
2775 Sanders Road  
Northbrook, Illinois 60062  
Allstate Financing III  
Allstate Financing IV  
Allstate Financing V  
Allstate Financing VI

Re: Allstate Financing III  
Allstate Financing IV  
Allstate Financing V &  
Allstate Financing VI

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special Delaware counsel for Allstate Financing III ("Trust III"), Allstate Financing IV ("Trust IV"), Allstate Financing V ("Trust V") and Allstate Financing VI ("Trust VI"), each a Delaware statutory trust, in connection with the matters set forth herein (Trust III, Trust IV, Trust V and Trust VI are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Trusts" and sometimes hereinafter individually referred to as a "Trust"). At your request, this opinion is being furnished to you.

For purposes of giving the opinions hereinafter set forth, our examination of documents has been limited to the examination of originals or copies of the following:

- (a) The Certificate of Trust of Trust III (the "Trust III Certificate of Trust"), as filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware (the "Secretary of State") on August 21, 1996;
  - (b) The Certificate of Trust of Trust IV (the "Trust IV Certificate of Trust"), as filed in the office of the Secretary of State on August 21, 1996;
  - (c) The Certificate of Trust of Trust V (the "Trust V Certificate of Trust"), as filed in the office of the Secretary of State on August 14, 1998;
  - (d) The Certificate of Trust of Trust VI (the "Trust VI Certificate of Trust" and together with the Trust III Certificate of Trust, Trust IV Certificate of Trust and Trust V Certificate of Trust, the "Certificates of Trust"), as filed in the office of the Secretary of State on August 14, 1998;
  - (e) The Declaration of Trust of Trust III, dated as of August 16, 1996, among The Allstate Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and the trustees of Trust III named therein;
  - (f) The Declaration of Trust of Trust IV, dated as of August 16, 1996, among the Company and the trustees of Trust IV named therein;
  - (g) The Declaration of Trust of Trust V, dated as of August 14, 1998, among the Company and the trustees of Trust V named therein;
  - (h) The Declaration of Trust of Trust VI, dated as of August 14, 1998, among the Company and the trustees of Trust VI named therein;
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- (i) The Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"), including a prospectus (the "Prospectus"), relating to, among other things, the Preferred Securities of the Trusts representing preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trusts (each, a "Preferred Security" and collectively, the "Preferred Securities"), in the form to be filed by the Company and the Trusts with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about May 17, 2006;
- (j) A form of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust for each of the Trusts, to be entered into among the Company and the trustees of the Trust named therein (collectively, the "Trust Agreements" and individually, a "Trust Agreement"), incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement; and
- (k) A Certificate of Good Standing for each of the Trusts, dated May 17, 2006, obtained from the Secretary of State.

Initially capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined are used as defined in the Trust Agreements.

For purposes of this opinion, we have not reviewed any documents other than the documents listed in paragraphs (a) through (k) above, which we believe are all of the documents reasonably necessary for us to have considered for purposes of rendering the opinions stated herein. In particular, we have not reviewed any document (other than the documents listed in paragraphs (a) through (k) above) that is referred to in or incorporated by reference into the documents reviewed by us. We have assumed that there exists no provision in any document that we have not reviewed that is inconsistent with the opinions stated herein. We have conducted no independent factual investigation of our own but rather have relied solely upon the foregoing documents, the statements and information set forth therein and the additional matters recited or assumed herein, all of which we have assumed to be true, complete and accurate in all material respects.

With respect to all documents examined by us, we have assumed (i) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as authentic originals, (ii) the conformity with the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies or forms, and (iii) the genuineness of all signatures.

For purposes of this opinion, we have assumed (i) that each of the Trust Agreements will constitute the entire agreement among the parties thereto with respect to the subject matter thereof, including with respect to the creation, operation and termination of the applicable Trust, and that the Trust Agreements and the Certificates of Trust will be in full force and effect and will not be amended, (ii) except to the extent provided in paragraph 1 below, the due organization or due formation, as the case may be, and valid existence in good standing of each party to the documents examined by us under the laws of the jurisdiction governing its organization or formation, (iii) the legal capacity of natural persons who are parties to the documents examined by us, (iv) that each of the parties to the documents examined by us has the power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, such documents, (v) the due authorization, execution and delivery by all parties thereto of all documents examined by us, (vi) the receipt by each Person to whom a Preferred Security is to be issued by the Trusts (collectively, the "Preferred Security Holders") of a Preferred Security Certificate for such Preferred Security and the payment for such Preferred Security, in accordance with the Trust Agreements and the Registration Statement, and (vii) that the Preferred Securities will be authenticated, issued and sold to the Preferred Security Holders in accordance with the Trust Agreements and the Registration Statement. We have not participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus and assume no responsibility for their contents.

This opinion is limited to the Delaware Statutory Trust Act, including the statutory provisions and all applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting these laws, and we have not considered and express no opinion on the laws of any other jurisdiction,

including federal laws and rules and regulations relating thereto. Our opinions are rendered only with respect to Delaware laws and rules, regulations and orders thereunder which are currently in effect.

Based upon the foregoing, and upon our examination of such questions of law and statutes of the State of Delaware as we have considered necessary or appropriate, and subject to the assumptions, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. Each of the Trusts has been duly formed and is validly existing in good standing as a statutory trust under the Statutory Trust Act.
2. The Preferred Securities of each Trust will be, when issued, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable beneficial interests in the assets of the applicable Trust, subject to the qualifications set forth in paragraph 3 below.
3. The Preferred Security Holders, as beneficial owners of the applicable Trust, will be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We note that the Preferred Security Holders may be obligated to make payments as set forth in the Trust Agreements.

We consent to the filing of this opinion with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the use of our name under the heading "Legal Opinion" in the Prospectus. In giving the foregoing consents, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.

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[Exhibit 5.2](#)

**THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION**  
**COMPUTATION OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES RATIO**

|  | For the three months<br>ended March 31,<br>2006 | For the year ended December 31, |          |          |          |          |
|--|---|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|  |   | 2005                            | 2004     | 2003     | 2002     | 2001     |
| (in millions)  |   |                                 |          |          |          |          |
| 1. Income from operations before income tax expense, dividends on preferred securities, and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, after-tax | \$ 2,056  | \$ 2,088                        | \$ 4,586 | \$ 3,571 | \$ 1,540 | \$ 1,285 |
| Fixed Charges:   |   |                                 |          |          |          |          |
| 2. Interest on indebtedness  | \$ 81   | \$ 330                          | \$ 308   | \$ 275   | \$ 278   | \$ 248   |
| 3. Interest factor of annual rental expense  | 10  | 37                              | 41       | 43       | 43       | 57       |
| 4. Total fixed charges (2+3)   | \$ 91   | \$ 367                          | \$ 349   | \$ 318   | \$ 321   | \$ 305   |
| 5. Dividends on preferred securities of subsidiary trusts  | —   | —                               | —        | 8        | 15       | 69       |
| 6. Total fixed charges and dividends on preferred securities (4+5)   | \$ 91   | \$ 367                          | \$ 349   | \$ 326   | \$ 336   | \$ 374   |
| 7. Income from continuing operations before income taxes and fixed charges (1+4)   | \$ 2,147  | \$ 2,455                        | \$ 4,935 | \$ 3,889 | \$ 1,861 | \$ 1,590 |
| 8. Ratio of earnings to fixed charges, excluding interest credited to contractholder funds (A) (B) (7/6)   | 23.6X   | 6.7X                            | 14.1X    | 11.9X    | 5.5X     | 4.3X     |
| 9. Interest credited to contractholder funds   | \$ 620  | \$ 2,403                        | \$ 2,001 | \$ 1,846 | \$ 1,764 | \$ 1,733 |
| 10. Total fixed charges including dividends on preferred securities and interest credited to contractholder funds (6+9)                                    | \$ 711  | \$ 2,770                        | \$ 2,350 | \$ 2,172 | \$ 2,100 | \$ 2,107 |
| 11. Income from continuing operations before income taxes and fixed charges including interest credited to contractholder funds (1+4+9)                    | \$ 2,767  | \$ 4,858                        | \$ 6,936 | \$ 5,735 | \$ 3,625 | \$ 3,323 |
| 12. Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (11/10)   | 3.9X  | 1.8X                            | 3.0X     | 2.6X     | 1.7X     | 1.6X     |

(A) The Company has authority to issue up to 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share; however, there are currently no shares outstanding and the Company does not have a preferred stock dividend obligation. Therefore, the Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends is equal to the Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and is not disclosed separately.

(B) In this presentation, interest credited to contractholder funds is excluded to promote transparency and allows users of this exhibit to quantify the impact of interest credited to contractholder funds on the ratio of earnings to fixed charges.

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[THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION COMPUTATION OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES RATIO](#)

The Allstate Corporation  
2775 Sanders Road  
Northbrook, IL 60062-6127

We have made a review, in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), of the unaudited interim consolidated financial information of The Allstate Corporation and subsidiaries for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, and have issued our report dated May 3, 2006. As indicated in that report, because we did not perform an audit, we expressed no opinion on that information.

We are aware that our report referred to above, which was included in your Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

We also are aware that the aforementioned report, pursuant to Rule 436(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, is not considered a part of the Registration Statement prepared or certified by an accountant or a report prepared or certified by an accountant within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of that Act.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

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Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 16, 2006

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**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement of The Allstate Corporation on Form S-3 of our report dated February 22, 2006, relating to the financial statements of The Allstate Corporation and management's report on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to a change in The Allstate Corporation's method of accounting for certain nontraditional long-duration contracts and for separate accounts in 2004 and method for accounting for stock-based compensation, embedded derivatives in modified coinsurance agreements, and variable interest entities in 2003) and our report dated February 22, 2006 relating to the financial statement schedules of The Allstate Corporation, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of The Allstate Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2005 and to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in the Prospectus, which is part of this Registration Statement.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

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Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 16, 2006

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[CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM](#)

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM T-1

### STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

Check if an Application to Determine Eligibility of  
a Trustee Pursuant to Section 305(b)(2)

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## U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

(Exact name of Trustee as specified in its charter)

**31-0841368**

I.R.S. Employer Identification No.

**800 Nicollet Mall**  
**Minneapolis, Minnesota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**55402**  
(Zip Code)

**Gary Dougherty**  
**U.S. Bank National Association**  
**One Federal Street**  
**Boston, MA 02110**  
**(617) 603-6574**

(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

## THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

(Issuer with respect to the Securities)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**36-3871531**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**2775 Sanders Road, Northbrook, IL**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**60062**  
(Zip Code)

## SENIOR DEBT SECURITIES

(Title of the Indenture Securities)

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**Item 1. GENERAL INFORMATION.** Furnish the following information as to the Trustee.

a) *Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.*

Comptroller of the Currency  
Washington, D.C.

b) *Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.*

Yes

**Item 2. AFFILIATIONS WITH OBLIGOR.** *If the obligor is an affiliate of the Trustee, describe each such affiliation.*

None

**Items 3-15** *Items 3-15 are not applicable because to the best of the Trustee's knowledge, the obligor is not in default under any Indenture for which the Trustee acts as Trustee.*

**Item 16. LIST OF EXHIBITS:** *List below all exhibits filed as a part of this statement of eligibility and qualification.*

1. A copy of the Articles of Association of the Trustee.\*
2. A copy of the certificate of authority of the Trustee to commence business.\*
3. A copy of the certificate of authority of the Trustee to exercise corporate trust powers.\*
4. A copy of the existing bylaws of the Trustee.\*
5. A copy of each Indenture referred to in Item 4. Not applicable.
6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, attached as Exhibit 6.
7. Report of Condition of the Trustee as of December 31, 2005 published pursuant to law or the requirements of its supervising or examining authority, attached as Exhibit 7.

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\* Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 25.1 to Amendment No. 2 to registration statement on S-4 Filed by Revlon Consumer Products Corp., Registration Number 333-128217.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the Trustee, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of Boston, Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the 9th day of May, 2006.

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

By: /s/ GARY DOUGHERTY

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Gary Dougherty  
Vice President

By: /s/ JOHN A. BRENNAN

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John A. Brennan  
Trust Officer

**Exhibit 6**

**CONSENT**

In accordance with Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the undersigned, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION hereby consents that reports of examination of the undersigned by Federal, State, Territorial or District authorities may be furnished by such authorities to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon its request therefor.

Dated: May 10, 2006

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

By: /s/ GARY DOUGHERTY

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Gary Dougherty  
Vice President

By: /s/ JOHN A. BRENNAN

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John A. Brennan  
Trust Officer

## Exhibit 7

**U.S. Bank National Association**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**As of 12/31/2005**

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|   |           | 12/31/2005         |
|---|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                               |           |                    |
| Cash and Due From Depository Institutions   | \$        | 8,000,884          |
| Securities                                  |           | 39,572,460         |
| Federal Funds                               |           | 3,106,359          |
| Loans & Lease Financing Receivables         |           | 134,097,750        |
| Fixed Assets                                |           | 1,759,753          |
| Intangible Assets                           |           | 11,264,248         |
| Other Assets                                |           | 11,065,956         |
|   |           | 208,867,410        |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                         | <b>\$</b> | <b>208,867,410</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                          |           |                    |
| Deposits                                    | \$        | 135,603,591        |
| Fed Funds                                   |           | 13,987,126         |
| Treasury Demand Notes                       |           | 0                  |
| Trading Liabilities                         |           | 186,413            |
| Other Borrowed Money                        |           | 24,865,833         |
| Acceptances                                 |           | 60,785             |
| Subordinated Notes and Debentures           |           | 6,606,929          |
| Other Liabilities                           |           | 6,323,045          |
|   |           | 187,633,722        |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                    | <b>\$</b> | <b>187,633,722</b> |
| <b>Equity</b>                               |           |                    |
| Minority Interest in Subsidiaries           | \$        | 1,025,113          |
| Common and Preferred Stock                  |           | 18,200             |
| Surplus                                     |           | 11,804,040         |
| Undivided Profits                           |           | 8,386,335          |
|   |           | 21,233,688         |
| <b>Total Equity Capital</b>                 | <b>\$</b> | <b>21,233,688</b>  |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Equity Capital</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>208,867,410</b> |

To the best of the undersigned's determination, as of the date hereof, the above financial information is true and correct.

**U.S. Bank National Association**

By: /s/ GARY DOUGHERTY

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 Gary Dougherty, Vice President

Date: May 10, 2006

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## SUBORDINATED DEBT SECURITIES

(Title of the Indenture Securities)

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**U.S. Bank National Association**

By: /s/ GARY DOUGHERTY

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 Gary Dougherty, Vice President

Date: May 10, 2006

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM T-1

### STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

Check if an Application to Determine Eligibility of  
a Trustee Pursuant to Section 305(b)(2)

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## U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

(Exact name of Trustee as specified in its charter)

**31-0841368**

I.R.S. Employer Identification No.

**800 Nicollet Mall**  
**Minneapolis, Minnesota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**55402**  
(Zip Code)

**Gary Dougherty**  
**U.S. Bank National Association**  
**One Federal Street**  
**Boston, MA 02110**  
**(617) 603-6574**

(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

## THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

(Issuer with respect to the Securities)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**36-3871531**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**2775 Sanders Road, Northbrook, IL**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**60062**  
(Zip Code)

## PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEES

(Title of the Indenture Securities)

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**Item 1. GENERAL INFORMATION.** Furnish the following information as to the Trustee.

a) *Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.*

Comptroller of the Currency  
Washington, D.C.

b) *Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.*

Yes

**Item 2. AFFILIATIONS WITH OBLIGOR.** *If the obligor is an affiliate of the Trustee, describe each such affiliation.*

None

**Items 3-15** *Items 3-15 are not applicable because to the best of the Trustee's knowledge, the obligor is not in default under any Indenture for which the Trustee acts as Trustee.*

**Item 16. LIST OF EXHIBITS:** *List below all exhibits filed as a part of this statement of eligibility and qualification.*

1. A copy of the Articles of Association of the Trustee.\*
2. A copy of the certificate of authority of the Trustee to commence business.\*
3. A copy of the certificate of authority of the Trustee to exercise corporate trust powers.\*
4. A copy of the existing bylaws of the Trustee.\*
5. A copy of each Indenture referred to in Item 4. Not applicable.
6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, attached as Exhibit 6.
7. Report of Condition of the Trustee as of December 31, 2005 published pursuant to law or the requirements of its supervising or examining authority, attached as Exhibit 7.

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\* Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 25.1 to Amendment No. 2 to registration statement on S-4 Filed by Revlon Consumer Products Corp., Registration Number 333-128217.



**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the Trustee, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of Boston, Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the 9th day of May, 2006.

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

By: /s/ GARY DOUGHERTY

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Gary Dougherty  
Vice President

By: /s/ JOHN A. BRENNAN

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John A. Brennan  
Trust Officer

**Exhibit 6**

**CONSENT**

In accordance with Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the undersigned, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION hereby consents that reports of examination of the undersigned by Federal, State, Territorial or District authorities may be furnished by such authorities to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon its request therefor.

Dated: May 10, 2006

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

By: /s/ GARY DOUGHERTY

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Gary Dougherty  
Vice President

By: /s/ JOHN A. BRENNAN

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John A. Brennan  
Trust Officer

## Exhibit 7

**U.S. Bank National Association**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**As of 12/31/2005**

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12/31/2005

|   | 12/31/2005            |
|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                               |                       |
| Cash and Due From Depository Institutions   | \$ 8,000,884          |
| Securities                                  | 39,572,460            |
| Federal Funds                               | 3,106,359             |
| Loans & Lease Financing Receivables         | 134,097,750           |
| Fixed Assets                                | 1,759,753             |
| Intangible Assets                           | 11,264,248            |
| Other Assets                                | 11,065,956            |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                         | <b>\$ 208,867,410</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                          |                       |
| Deposits                                    | \$ 135,603,591        |
| Fed Funds                                   | 13,987,126            |
| Treasury Demand Notes                       | 0                     |
| Trading Liabilities                         | 186,413               |
| Other Borrowed Money                        | 24,865,833            |
| Acceptances                                 | 60,785                |
| Subordinated Notes and Debentures           | 6,606,929             |
| Other Liabilities                           | 6,323,045             |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                    | <b>\$ 187,633,722</b> |
| <b>Equity</b>                               |                       |
| Minority Interest in Subsidiaries           | \$ 1,025,113          |
| Common and Preferred Stock                  | 18,200                |
| Surplus                                     | 11,804,040            |
| Undivided Profits                           | 8,386,335             |
| <b>Total Equity Capital</b>                 | <b>\$ 21,233,688</b>  |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Equity Capital</b> | <b>\$ 208,867,410</b> |

To the best of the undersigned's determination, as of the date hereof, the above financial information is true and correct.

**U.S. Bank National Association**

By: /s/ GARY DOUGHERTY

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 Gary Dougherty, Vice President

Date: May 10, 2006

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