

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

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO
SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 17, 2012

**THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-11840

(Commission File Number)

36-3871531

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2775 Sanders Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 402-5000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 17, 2012, the Registrant announced the election of Kermit R. Crawford to its Board of Directors effective January 30, 2013, increasing the size of the Board to 13 directors. The Board has not yet determined Mr. Crawford's committee assignments. Mr. Crawford's compensation will be consistent with the Registrant's previously disclosed standard compensatory arrangements for non-employee directors, which are described in the Registrant's most recent proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 11, 2012, file number 001-11840, under the heading "Director Compensation." Mr. Crawford's compensation will be prorated to reflect the commencement date of his service on the Board. In addition, the Registrant expects to enter into an indemnification agreement with Mr. Crawford in substantially the form filed as Exhibit 10.2 to its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2007. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Crawford's election is attached as Exhibit 99 to this report. The Board took action to elect Mr. Crawford as a director on December 17, 2012.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.

Description

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Registrant's Press Release dated December 17, 2012

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jennifer M. Hager

Name: Jennifer M. Hager
Title: Vice President,
Assistant General Counsel,
and Assistant Secretary

Date: December 17, 2012

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NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Allstate Elects Kermit R. Crawford to Board

Board Increased to 13 Directors

NORTHBROOK, Ill., December 17, 2012 – The Allstate Corporation (NYSE: ALL) announced that Kermit R. Crawford, 53, Walgreen Co. president of pharmacy, health and wellness, has been elected to its board of directors, effective January 30, 2013. Crawford's election will increase the number of Allstate board members to 13. Crawford will stand for election at Allstate's shareholder meeting in May, as the company's board members are elected annually.

Crawford has been Walgreens president of pharmacy, health and wellness since 2010. He joined the company in 1983 as a pharmacist and successfully took on increasing operating responsibilities, becoming senior vice president of pharmacy services in 2007.

"Kermit's operating experience at a trusted national brand dedicated to providing an excellent customer experience will complement the strong capabilities of the Allstate board," said Thomas J. Wilson, chairman, president and chief executive officer. "His expertise is highly relevant to our strategy of providing unique products to different customer segments, the largest of which is served by local Allstate agencies."

"I am thrilled to be joining such a talented and respected board that helps keep Allstate at the forefront of change," said Crawford.

Crawford serves on the boards of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital, the American Diabetes Association (Northern Illinois and Indiana Region) and the Commercial Club of Chicago. He is also a member of the board of councilors at the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy and the apothecary board of advisors at Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Crawford received his bachelor's degree from Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 1983. Among other recognition, Crawford was honored by *Chain Drug Review* in 2009 as Pharmacy Executive of the Year.

The Allstate Corporation (NYSE: ALL) is the nation's largest publicly held personal lines insurer, serving approximately 16 million households through its Allstate, Encompass, Esurance and Answer Financial brand names and Allstate Financial business segment. Allstate branded insurance products (auto, home, life and retirement) and services are offered through Allstate agencies, independent agencies, and Allstate exclusive financial representatives, as well as via www.allstate.com and 1-800 Allstate®, and are widely known through the slogan "You're In Good Hands With Allstate®."

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