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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Under

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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### THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State of Incorporation)

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

**2775 Sanders Road**  
**Northbrook, Illinois 60062-6127**  
(Address and Zip Code of principal executive office)

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#### THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION 2001 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

(Full title of the Plan)

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**Michael J. McCabe, Vice President and General Counsel**  
**The Allstate Corporation,**  
**2775 Sanders Road,**  
**Northbrook, Illinois 60062-6127**  
**(847) 402-5000**

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

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#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

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Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Shares, par value \$0.01 per share(1)	37,000,000 shares	\$41.68(3)	\$1,542,160,000(3)	\$385,540(3)

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(1) Including associated preferred share purchase rights.

(2) The provisions of Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933 apply to this Registration Statement and the number of shares registered hereby shall automatically increase or decrease as the result of stock splits, stock dividends, reverse stock splits or similar transactions.

(3) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(h) based on the average of the high and low prices of Allstate common stock on May 8, 2001 as reported on the New York Stock Exchange consolidated reporting system.

## INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

### ITEM 3: INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents filed by Allstate with the Commission are incorporated in and made a part of this Registration Statement by reference, as of their respective dates:

1. Allstate's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 (File No. 1-11840)
2. Allstate's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2001 (File No. 1-11840)
3. Allstate's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 12, 2001 (File No. 1-11840)
4. The description of Allstate's common shares under the caption "Description of Allstate Capital Stock" contained in Allstate's Form 10/A filed May 14, 2001 (File No. 1-11840)
5. The description of the preferred share purchase rights contained in Item 1 of the Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on February 19, 1999 (File No. 1-11840)
6. From the date of filing of such documents, all documents filed by Allstate with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or replaces such statement. Except as so modified or superseded, such statement shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

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### ITEM 5: INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

Emma M. Kalaidjian, Esq., Allstate's Assistant Secretary, has passed upon the validity of the common stock and rights being registered. Ms. Kalaidjian is eligible to participate in the Plan and as of May 14, 2001 she beneficially owns 3,675 shares of Allstate's common stock as well as stock options. These shares and options include awards under Allstate's employee benefit plans, subject to forfeiture under certain circumstances.

### ITEM 6: INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Article IV of the by-laws 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 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 Allstate's restated certificate of incorporation 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 of 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 he 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.

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### ITEM 8: EXHIBITS

## ITEM 9: UNDERTAKINGS

Allstate hereby undertakes:

(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;
- (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 the 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 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;
- (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 (1)(i) and (1)(ii) do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3, Form S-8 or Form F-3, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by Allstate pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, 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.

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(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.

Allstate hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of Allstate's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act 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.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of Allstate pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, Allstate has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by Allstate of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of Allstate 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, Allstate will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Allstate certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing this Registration Statement on Form S-8 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 May 14, 2001.

### THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

By:           /s/ MICHAEL J. MCCABE          

Name: Michael J. McCabe  
Title: Vice President and General Counsel

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated. Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Emma M. Kalaidjian, Edward M. Liddy, Michael J. McCabe, Robert W. Pike and Samuel H. Pilch, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, thereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Name	Title	Date
/s/ EDWARD M. LIDDY	Director, Chairman of the Board of Directors,	May 14, 2001
Edward M. Liddy	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ JOHN L. CARL	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	May 14, 2001
John L. Carl	(Principal Financial Officer)	
/s/ SAMUEL H. PILCH	Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	May 14, 2001
Samuel H. Pilch		
	Director	May 14, 2001
F. Duane Ackerman		
/s/ JAMES G. ANDRESS	Director	May 14, 2001
James G. Andress		
/s/ WARREN L. BATTS	Director	May 14, 2001
Warren L. Batts		
/s/ EDWARD A. BRENNAN	Director	May 14, 2001
Edward A. Brennan		

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/s/ JAMES M. DENNY	Director	May 14, 2001
James M. Denny		
/s/ W. JAMES FARRELL	Director	May 14, 2001
W. James Farrell		
/s/ RONALD T. LEMAY	Director	May 14, 2001
Ronald T. LeMay		
	Director	May 14, 2001
Michael A. Miles		
/s/ H. JOHN RILEY, JR.	Director	May 14, 2001
H. John Riley, Jr.		
/s/ JOSHUA I. SMITH	Director	May 14, 2001
Joshua I. Smith		
	Director	May 14, 2001
Judith A. Sprieser		
/s/ MARY ALICE TAYLOR	Director	May 14, 2001
Mary Alice Taylor		

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Allstate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(a) to Allstate's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1999, File No. 1-11840)

4.2	By-Laws of Allstate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(b) to Allstate's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000, File No. 1-11840)
4.3	Rights Agreement dated as of February 12, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 to Allstate's Form 8-K filed February 19, 1999, File No. 1-11840)
5	Opinion of Emma M. Kalaidjian, Esq.
15	Acknowledgement of Deloitte & Touche LLP regarding unaudited interim financial information
23.1	Consent of Emma M. Kalaidjian (included in Exhibit 5)
23.2	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
24	Power of Attorney (included on signature page)

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**THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION**

2775 Sanders Road  
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Emma M. Kalaidjian  
Assistant Secretary

May 14, 2001

The Allstate Corporation  
2775 Sanders Road  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

A Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed on or about the date of this letter with the Securities and Exchange Commission to register 37,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value, and preferred share purchase rights of The Allstate Corporation for issuance to participants in The Allstate Corporation 2001 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2001 Plan").

This opinion is delivered in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

In connection with this opinion I, or attorneys working under my direction, have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to my satisfaction, of (i) the Registration Statement, (ii) the 2001 Plan, (iii) the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Allstate as currently in effect, (iv) the By-laws of Allstate as currently in effect, (v) the Rights Agreement dated as of February 12, 1999 between Allstate and rights agent First Chicago Trust Company of New York, and (vi) resolutions of the Board of Directors of Allstate relating to the filing of the Registration Statement and related matters. In addition I, or attorneys working under my direction, have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to my satisfaction, of such records of Allstate and such other agreements, instruments, and documents of Allstate, and have made such other investigations, as I have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinions set forth herein.

Based upon the foregoing, I advise you that, in my opinion the shares of common stock have been duly authorized and, when issued in accordance with the provisions of the 2001 Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and that, in my opinion the preferred share purchase

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rights will be validly issued and binding obligations of Allstate under the laws of the State of Delaware.

I am licensed to practice law in Illinois. This opinion is limited to the Delaware General Corporation Law, the applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting those laws.

I consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of my name wherever appearing in the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto. In giving this consent I do not admit that I am within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933 or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,  
/s/ EMMA M. KALAJDZIAN

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Emma M. Kalaidjian

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The Allstate Corporation  
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We have reviewed, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the unaudited interim financial information of The Allstate Corporation and subsidiaries for the periods ended March 31, 2001 and 2000, as indicated in our report dated May 11, 2001. 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, 2001 is being used 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 14, 2001

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' CONSENT**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement of The Allstate Corporation on Form S-8 of our reports dated February 23, 2001, appearing and incorporated by reference in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of The Allstate Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2000.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

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Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chicago, Illinois  
May 14, 2001

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