

State Auto Financial CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 13, 2012

**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): August 13, 2012 (August 10, 2012)**

**STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**000-19289**  
(Commission

File Number)

**31-1324304**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**518 East Broad Street,**

**Columbus, Ohio**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**43215-3976**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (614) 464-5000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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.**

**Item 5.02(b)**

As previously announced, Cynthia A. Powell has been appointed Chief Risk Officer of State Auto Financial Corporation. In connection therewith, on August 10, 2012, Ms. Powell resigned her position as Chief Accounting Officer of State Auto Financial Corporation.

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.

STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: August 13, 2012

By /s/ James A. Yano

Vice President and General Counsel