DESABATO ANTHONY A

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DESABATO ANTHONY A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARMING SHOPPES INC [CHRS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 450 WINKS I	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/21/2005	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP - Corp. & Labor Relations		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	ities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit coror Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or	5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/21/2005		Code V M	Amount 40,000	(D)	Price \$ 6	146,080	D	
Common Stock	11/21/2005		S	40,000	D	\$ 12.7138 (1)	106,080	D	
Common Stock	11/21/2005		M	60,000	A	\$ 4.3125	166,080	D	
Common Stock	11/21/2005		S	60,000	D	\$ 12.65	106,080	D	
Common Stock	11/21/2005		M	22,000	A	\$ 3.625	128,080	D	

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Common Stock	11/21/2005	S	22,000	D	\$ 12.65	106,080	D
Common Stock	11/21/2005	M	66,000	A	\$ 6.8125	172,080	D
Common Stock	11/21/2005	S	66,000	D	\$ 12.65	106,080	D
Common Stock	11/21/2005	M	52,800	A	\$ 6.5	158,880	D
Common Stock	11/21/2005	S	52,800	D	\$ 12.65	106,080	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	ransactionDerivative Expiration Date ode Securities (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.625	11/21/2005		M	22,000	02/10/2000(2)	02/10/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.3125	11/21/2005		M	60,000	02/18/1999(2)	02/18/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6	11/21/2005		M	40,000	03/13/1998(2)	03/13/2007	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.5	11/21/2005		M	52,800	02/23/2002(2)	02/23/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.8125	11/21/2005		M	66,000	01/31/2001(2)	01/31/2010	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DESABATO ANTHONY A EVP - Corp. 450 WINKS LANE & Labor BENSALEM, PA 19020 Relations

Signatures

DE SABATO, ANTHONY A. 11/21/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This is a weighted average price. Prices range from a low of \$12.69 to a high of \$12.82.
- (2) Option became exercisable for 20% of the underlying shares annually, beginning on the date indicated.

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