

COMMERCE GROUP INC /MA  
Form 8-K  
August 24, 2006

**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 23, 2006**

**THE COMMERCE GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-13672**

(Commission File Number)

**04-2599931**

(IRS Employer Identification No. )

**211 Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts 01570**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(508) 943-9000**

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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**Section 8. Other Events**

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On August 23, 2006, The Commerce Group, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Issues Ruling on Residual Market Auto Reform. This press release discusses the ruling issued on that date by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court on the Massachusetts Commissioner of Insurance’s appeal of the Superior Court’s decision to annul the Commissioner’s order to replace the current loss-pooling residual market entity for the personal automobile market with an assigned risk plan.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Section 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated August 23, 2006

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**SIGNATURE**

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 COMMERCE GROUP, INC.**

**August 24, 2006**

/s/ Randall V. Becker

Randall V. Becker

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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