

Smart Steven Ray  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Smart Steven Ray			(Month/Day/Year)	BIG LOTS INC [BIG]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/21/2010	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
300 PHILLIP ROAD				(Check all applicable)	
(Street)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
COLUMBUS, OH 43228				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
				Senior Vice President	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	15,000	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Purchase Option	02/24/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/24/2013	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 12.66	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	Â <sup>(2)</sup>	03/13/2014	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 28.73	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	Â <sup>(3)</sup>	03/07/2015	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 21.06	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	Â <sup>(4)</sup>	03/06/2016	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 17.47	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	Â <sup>(5)</sup>	03/05/2017	Common Stock	22,500	\$ 35.92	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smart Steven Ray 300 PHILLIP ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Joseph Y. Heuer, attorney in fact for Steven Ray Smart 03/31/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The date upon which the Stock Purchase Option became fully exercisable.
- (2) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 13, 2008.
- (3) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 7, 2009.
- (4) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 6, 2010.
- (5) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 5, 2011.

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