

National Interstate CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 06, 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): December 6, 2012**

**NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORATION**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Ohio**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation)**

**000-51130**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**34-1607394**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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**3250 Interstate Drive**

**Richfield, Ohio 44286-9000**

**(Address of principal executive offices including Zip Code)**

**(330) 659-8900**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**(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:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 6, 2012, National Interstate Corporation (the Company) announced that its Board of Directors has promoted Tony Mercurio to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. This promotion is effective January 1, 2013. The Company's press release announcing Mr. Mercurio's promotion is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference into this Current Report on Form 8-K. The compensation for Mr. Mercurio in his new role has not yet been determined.

Mr. Mercurio, age 39, has served as a Vice President of the Company since 2006 and Chief Executive Officer of the Company's subsidiary Vanliner Insurance Company (Vanliner) since its acquisition on July 1, 2010. Additionally, Mr. Mercurio served as the Company's Assistant Vice President, Alternative Products from 2004 to 2006. Mr. Mercurio will no longer serve as Vanliner's Chief Executive Officer concurrent with his promotion becoming effective on January 1, 2013.

**ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 99.1               | Press Release of National Interstate Corporation dated December 6, 2012 |

**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.

**National Interstate Corporation**

By: /s/ Julie A. McGraw  
Julie A. McGraw  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 6, 2012