

Fishman Steven S  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 \*  
 Fishman Steven S

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 300 PHILLIPI ROAD  
 (Street)

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BIG LOTS INC [BIG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/20/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, CEO & President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	03/20/2012		M		\$ 62,500	A	28.73 552,500 D
Common Stock	03/20/2012		M		\$ 165,000	A	21.06 717,500 D
Common Stock	03/20/2012		S		\$ 45.23	D	(1) 490,000 D
Common Stock							353,933 I
							By grantor retained annuity

trust <sup>(2)</sup>

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 28.73	03/20/2012		M	62,500	03/13/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/13/2014	Common Stock	62,500
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 21.06	03/20/2012		M	165,000	03/07/2012 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/07/2015	Common Stock	165,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fishman Steven S 300 PHILLIPI ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228	X		Chairman, CEO & President	

## Signatures

Joseph Y. Heuer, Attorney-in-fact for Steven S. Fishman  
03/21/2012

\*\*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) The value represents the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on the corresponding line. The actual sales prices for the transactions reported on the corresponding line ranged from \$45.00 to \$45.56. The reporting person undertakes to provide (upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer) full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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On November 17, 2010, the reporting person contributed 210,058 shares of BIG common stock to a grantor retained annuity trust for the benefit of himself and his heirs and, on July 14, 2011, the reporting person contributed 143,875 shares of BIG common stock to a grantor retained annuity trust for the benefit of himself and his heirs.

(3) The date upon which the Stock Purchase Option became fully exercisable.

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