

COMMERCE GROUP INC /MA  
Form 8-K  
May 02, 2008  
**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)

**April 30, 2008**

**THE COMMERCE GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b><u>Massachusetts</u></b>                          | <b><u>001-13672</u></b>     | <b><u>04-2599931</u></b>                |
| (State or other<br>jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission File<br>Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification<br>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 (see General Instruction A.2 below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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



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**Section 8. Other Events**

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

Prior to the May 1, 2008 Hearing held by the Massachusetts Division of Insurance relating to the Company's merger with MAPFRE, S.A., the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office issued a press release announcing the completion of its review of the merger. Based upon this review, the Attorney General's Office has cleared the merger. A copy of the Attorney General's Office press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Section 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated April 30, 2008 issued by the Massachusetts' Attorney General's Office

**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.**  
**May 2, 2008**

/s/ Randall V. Becker  
Randall V. Becker  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer