

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Burton Spencer</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 27101 PUERTA REAL SUITE 450 <hr/> (Street) MISSION VIEJO CA 92691 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/30/2019	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President and COO	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	14,539 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	D	

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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	05/26/2017 ⁽³⁾	05/26/2026	Common Stock 5,000	19.58	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	08/31/2017 ⁽³⁾	08/31/2026	Common Stock 5,000	18.79	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	05/31/2019 ⁽³⁾	05/31/2028	Common Stock 8,000	36.61	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/07/2015 ⁽³⁾	02/07/2024	Common Stock 9,164	10.55	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/16/2019 ⁽³⁾	02/16/2028	Common Stock 4,000	26.53	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/30/2016 ⁽³⁾	07/30/2026	Common Stock 9,000	25.24	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/30/2015 ⁽³⁾	10/30/2024	Common Stock 5,000	18.94	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/04/2016 ⁽³⁾	02/04/2025	Common Stock 5,000	21.79	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	05/25/2018 ⁽³⁾	05/25/2027	Common Stock 4,000	18.64	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Includes: 1) 400 unvested Restricted Stock Awards ("RSAs") from an award of 2,000 RSAs granted October 30, 2014; 2) 400 unvested RSAs from an award of 2,000 RSAs granted February 04, 2015; 3) 1,440 unvested RSAs from an award of 3,600 RSAs granted July 30, 2015; 4) 800 unvested RSAs from an award of 2,000 RSAs granted May 26, 2016; 5) 1,200 unvested RSAs from an award of 2,000 RSAs granted August 31, 2016; 6) 960 unvested RSAs from an award of 1,600 RSAs granted May 26, 2017; 7) 1,280 unvested RSAs from an award of 1,600 RSAs granted February 16, 2018; 8) 3,200 unvested RSAs from an award of 3,200 RSAs granted May 31, 2018
- Restricted Stock Award shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- This option vests in five equal annual installments beginning on the date exercisable.

Remarks:

/s/ Chad A. Keetch, as power of attorney 06/03/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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