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 Form 4
 March 24, 2003

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
 DE SABATO, ANTHONY A.
 450 WINKS LANE

BENSALEM, PA 19020

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CHARMING SHOPPES, INC. (CHRS)
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
 3/21/03
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP and Corporate Director of
 Human Resources
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Security	2) Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3) Trans- action Code Code V	4) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A or D Price
Common Stock	03/21/03	P	5,000	A \$3.33000

Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3) Trans- action Date	4) Trans- action Code Code V	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) A D
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Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1

1) Title of Derivative Security	3) Trans- action	7) Title and Amount of Underlying	8) Price of Deri-
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Date	Securities	Amount or Number of Shares	vative Security
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