

TODD CARTER R  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
TODD CARTER R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT CO /DE [GET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE GAYLORD DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/08/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, General Counsel & Sec.

NASHVILLE, TN 37214  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.75	02/08/2012			A		6,000		02/08/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/08/2022	Common Stock	6,000
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/08/2012			A		4,500		02/08/2014 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/08/2015	Common Stock	4,500
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/08/2012			A		4,500		02/08/2015 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/08/2015	Common Stock	4,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TODD CARTER R ONE GAYLORD DRIVE NASHVILLE, TN 37214			EVP, General Counsel & Sec.	

## Signatures

Carter R. Todd                      02/10/2012

\_\_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) Option will vest ratably over 4 years in 1/4 increments.
- (2) Restricted Stock Units will vest 50% on 2/8/2014 and 50% on 2/8/2015. Upon vesting, each restricted stock unit will convert into one share of common stock per one restricted stock unit.
- (3) Represents shares of common stock issuable upon the vesting of restricted stock units, subject to performance based vesting on 2/8/2015.

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