

Bartram Richard  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *                         |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                                |  |
| Â Bartram Richard   |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | Esperion Therapeutics, Inc. [ESPR]   |  |
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle)                             | 12/14/2017   |  |
| C/O ESPERION THERAPEUTICS, INC., Â 3891 RANCHERO DRIVE, SUITE 150 |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
|   |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       |  |
|   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other |  |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   |  |
|   |         |                                      | Chief Financial Officer  |  |
|   |         |                                      |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

ANN ARBOR, Â MI Â 48108

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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                    | 1,200   | D  | Â   |

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

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**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 | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|----------------------|---|
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|                             | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1)            | 04/24/2018      | Common Stock        | 17,892                     | \$ 3.7                       | D   | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1)            | 07/23/2023      | Common Stock        | 15,000                     | \$ 17.11                     | D   | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (2)            | 12/20/2023      | Common Stock        | 17,200                     | \$ 12.92                     | D   | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (3)            | 01/02/2025      | Common Stock        | 30,000                     | \$ 41.23                     | D   | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (4)            | 03/18/2025      | Common Stock        | 12,000                     | \$ 105.72                    | D   | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (5)            | 01/04/2026      | Common Stock        | 25,000                     | \$ 21.65                     | D   | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (6)            | 01/03/2027      | Common Stock        | 30,000                     | \$ 12.88                     | D   | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (7)            | 02/21/2027      | Common Stock        | 6,500                      | \$ 24.42                     | D   | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| Bartram Richard<br>C/O ESPERION THERAPEUTICS, INC.<br>3891 RANCHERO DRIVE, SUITE 150<br>ANN ARBOR, MI 48108 | Â             | Â         | Â Chief Financial Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

Richard B.  
Bartram

12/14/2017

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The options are fully vested as of the date hereof.
- (2) The options vest over a four (4) year period. 25% of the shares vested on December 20, 2014, and an additional 1/16th vests on each quarterly anniversary of such date thereafter.
- (3) The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on April 2, 2015.

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- (4) The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on June 18, 2015.
- (5) The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on April 4, 2016.
- (6) The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on April 3, 2017.
- (7) The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on May 21, 2017.

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