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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Cates Larry A.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
Applebee's International, Inc.
4551 W. 107th Street, Suite 100

(Street)

Overland Park KS 66207

(City) (State) (Zip)

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Applebee's International, Inc. - APPB

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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

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4. Statement for Month/Year

4/01

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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

N/A

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- T V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares
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Common Stock						Common Stock 24 Million
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Transferability of shares is restricted for a term of three years, with one-third vesting each year until June 15, 2001.

/s/Larry A. Cates

May 10, 2001

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** 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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