

# CONSECO INC

Reported by  
**SABL JOHN J**

## FORM 5

(Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Sector	Financial
Fiscal Year	12/31

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## WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

( ) Form 3 Holdings Reported

( ) Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Sabl, John J.

11825 N. Pennsylvania Street  
Carmel, IN 46032  
USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**Conseco, Inc.**  
CNC

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

4. Statement for Month/Year December 31, 1997

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

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below) Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (Check Applicable Line) (X) 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. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A/ D	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock						75,000	D	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A/ D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Options to Purchase (1)	\$45.84	9/15/97	A	10,905	A	(1) 9/14/07	Common Stock 10,905		10,905	D	
Options to Purchase (1)	\$45.84	9/15/97	A	189,095	A	(1) 9/14/07	Common Stock 189,095		189,095	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Granted under the Conseco, Inc. 1997 Non-qualified Stock Option Plan. The options become exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning September 15, 1998.

**SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON**

*/s/John J. Sabl by Karl W. Kindig, Attorney-in-Fact*

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