

HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC/DE  
Form 8-K  
July 21, 2016

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

July 21, 2016

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-13958

13-3317783

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

One Hartford Plaza, Hartford, Connecticut

06155

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

860-547-5000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On July 21, 2016, the Board of Directors of The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (the "Corporation") adopted Amended and Restated By-laws of the Corporation (the "By-laws"), effective immediately, to implement a proxy access by-law. Article II, Section 2.4(b) has been added to the By-laws to permit a shareholder, or a group of up to 20 shareholders, owning 3% or more of the Corporation's outstanding capital stock continuously for at least three years to nominate and include in the Corporation's proxy materials directors constituting up to the greater of two individuals or 20% of the Board, provided that the shareholder(s) and the nominee(s) satisfy the requirements specified in the By-laws.

The By-laws also include certain other, non-substantive formatting changes.

The foregoing description of the amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the By-laws, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.

*July 21, 2016*

By: *Donald C. Hunt*

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*Name: Donald C. Hunt*

*Title: Vice President and Corporate Secretary*

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Exhibit Index

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
3.1	Amended and Restated By-laws of The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., effective July 21, 2016