

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-A

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

IMPAC MORTGAGE HOLDINGS, INC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State of incorporation or organization)

1401 Dove Street, Newport Beach, CA
(Address of principal executive offices)

33-0675505
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

92660
(Zip Code)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of Each Class to be so Registered	Name of Each Exchange on Which Each Class is to be Registered
Preferred Share Purchase Rights	New York Stock Exchange

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates:

_____ (if applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None
(Title of Class)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Form 8-A is being filed by Impac Mortgage Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") in connection with the listing of the Company's Preferred Share Purchase Rights, which are attached to the Company's shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), on the New York Stock Exchange. The Company's Preferred Share Purchase Rights were previously registered under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and traded as attached to each outstanding share of Common Stock, on the American Stock Exchange.

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

This registration statement relates to the preferred share purchase rights, of Impac Mortgage Holdings, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"). The information required in response to this Item with respect to the preferred share purchase rights is set forth under the caption "Description of Capital Stock – Stockholder Rights Plan" in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-74432, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 3, 2001, as amended (the "Registration Statement"), and as subsequently amended and included in the prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Such information is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. Copies of the information set forth under the caption "Description of Capital Stock – Stockholder Rights Plan" in the Registration Statement have been furnished to the New York Stock Exchange.

The information incorporated herein by its reference is a brief description of the preferred share purchase rights. It is intended to provide a general description only and is subject to the detailed terms and conditions of the Rights Agreement, dated as of October 7, 1998, as amended, by and between the Company and the Rights Agent.

Item 2. Exhibits.

1. Charter of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to the corresponding exhibit number to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-11, as amended (File No. 33-96670), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 7, 1995).
2. Certificate of correction of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to exhibit 3.1(a) of the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998).
3. Articles of Amendment of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to exhibit 3.1(b) of the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998).
4. Articles of Amendment for change of name to charter of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to exhibit number 3.1(a) of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed February 11, 1998).
5. Articles Supplementary and Certificate of Correction for Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to exhibit 3.1(d) of the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998).
6. Articles of Amendment, filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland on July 17, 2002, increasing authorized shares of Common Stock of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10 of the Registrant's Form 8-A/A, Amendment No. 2, filed July 30, 2002).
7. Resolution to Change Principal Officer or Resident Agent, filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland on September 11, 2002 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 3.1(j) of the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002).

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8. Bylaws of the Registrant, as amended and restated (incorporated by reference to the corresponding exhibit number of the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 1998).
 9. Form of Common Stock certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Registrant's Registration Statement of Form S-11 as amended (File No. 33-96670), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 7, 1995).
 10. Rights Agreement between the Registrant and BankBoston, N.A. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 4.2 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 14, 1998).
 11. Amendment No. 1 to Rights Agreement between the Registrant and BankBoston, N.A. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2(a) of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 23, 1998)

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

IMPAC MORTGAGE HOLDINGS, INC.

Dated: June 4, 2003

By: _____ /s/ RICHARD J. JOHNSON

Richard J. Johnson
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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