

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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 FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

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 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 12, 1998

VENATOR GROUP, INC.

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 (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York	No. 1-10299	13-3513936
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(State or other jurisdic- tion of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

233 Broadway, New York, New York	10279-0003
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 553-2000  
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Item 8. Change in Fiscal Year.

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On August 12, 1998, the Board of Directors amended the By-laws of the Registrant to provide that the fiscal year of the Registrant shall end on the Saturday closest to the last day in January of each year, rather than on the last Saturday in January. This amendment will not affect the fiscal year end for 1998, which remains January 30, 1999. The Registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the 1998 fiscal year will be filed within 90 days of January 30, 1999.

SIGNATURES

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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 being hereunto duly authorized.

VENATOR GROUP, INC.

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(Registrant)

Date: August 21, 1998

By: /s/ Reid Johnson

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Reid Johnson  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer