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January 24, 2008

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.\_\_) \*

National Interstate Corporation

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

63654U100

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2007

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(Date Of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

☒ Rule 13d-1(b)

☐ Rule 13d-1(c)

☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON:  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON:

Independence Investments LLC  
I.R.S. #20-4633033

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:

(a) ☐

(b) ☐

3. SEC USE ONLY:

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

The state of organization is Delaware.

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH:

5. SOLE VOTING POWER:  
1,012,271

6. SHARED VOTING POWER:  
0

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:  
1,047,881

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:  
0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:  
1,047,881

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

☐

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9):  
5.45%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON:  
IA

- Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer:

National Interstate Corporation

- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

3250 Interstate Drive, Richfield, OH 44286

- Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:

Independence Investments LLC

- (b) Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence:  
160 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110

- (c) Citizenship:

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(d) Title of Class of Securities:  
Common Stock  
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(e) CUSIP Number:  
63654U100  
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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Sections 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) ☐ Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) ☐ Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) ☐ Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) ☐ Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) ☒ An investment adviser in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) ☐ An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) ☐ A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) ☐ A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) ☐ A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) ☐ Group, in accordance with Section 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership as of December 31, 2007

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,047,881
- (b) Percent of Class: 5.45%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:  
1,012,271
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:  
0

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(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
1,047,881

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
0

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.  
Not Applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.  
  
Accounts managed on a discretionary basis by Independence Investments LLC are known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of such securities.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.  
Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.  
Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.  
Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Signature.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: January 24, 2008

Signature: /s/ Mark C. Lapman

Name/Title: Mark C. Lapman, President and CEO

Independence Investments LLC