

REED'S, INC.
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Registration No. 333-_____

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

REED'S INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

35-2177773

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

13000 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 9006

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

2015 Incentive and Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan

(Full title of the plan)

Christopher J. Reed

Chief Executive Officer

13000 South Spring Street

Los Angeles, California 90061

(Name and address of agent for service)

(310) 217-9400

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

with copies to:

Ruba Qashu

Qashu & Schoenthaler LLP

4695 MacArthur Court, 11th Floor

Newport Beach, CA 92660

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer”, “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company ☒

Calculation of Registration Fee

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Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered ⁽¹⁾	Proposed maximum offering price per share ⁽²⁾	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value	500,000	\$ 5.32	\$2,660,000	\$ 309.00

Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the "Securities Act") this registration statement shall also cover such indeterminate number of additional shares of the registrant's common stock that (1) become issuable by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction that increases the number of the registrant's outstanding shares to be offered pursuant to the applicable plan described herein

Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h)(1) (2) of the Securities Act based on the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's common stock on the NYSE MKT on April 16, 2015.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.

The document(s) containing the information specified by Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). In accordance with Rule 428 of the Securities Act and the requirements of Part I of Form S-8, such documents are not being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") either as part of this registration statement (the "Registration Statement") or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 of the Securities Act. Such documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

Upon written or oral request, any of the documents incorporated by reference in Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement (which documents are incorporated by reference in the Section 10(a) Prospectus), other documents required to be delivered to the participants in the Plan pursuant to Rule 428(b) promulgated by the Commission under the Securities Act or additional information about the Plan are available without charge by contacting:

Reed's, Inc.

Attention: Judy Holloway Reed, Secretary

13000 South Spring Street

Los Angeles, California 90061

(310) 217-9400

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, which have been filed with the Commission by Reed's, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Registrant"), are incorporated herein by reference as of their respective dates:

- (a) the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 as filed with the Commission on March 26, 2015;
- (b) all other reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after December 31, 2014; and
- (c) the description of the Registrant's common stock set forth under the heading "Description of Capital Stock" in the prospectus forming part of its registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-159298), originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 15, 2009, as amended on June 23, 2009 and August 11, 2009, and as may be further amended, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be part hereof from the respective filing dates of such documents.

Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

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Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 102 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware permits a corporation to eliminate the personal liability of directors of a corporation to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for breaches of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of a law, authorizations of the payments of a dividend or approval of a stock repurchase or redemption in violation of Delaware corporate law or for any transactions from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. The Registrant's amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that no director will be liable to the Registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duties as a director, subject to the same exceptions as described above. The Registrant may enter into separate indemnification agreements with each of its directors which may, in some cases, be broader than the specific indemnification provisions contained under Delaware law. The Registrant also has purchased and expects to maintain standard insurance policies that provide coverage (1) to its directors and officers against loss arising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act and (2) to it with respect to indemnification payments it may make to such officers and directors.

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware provides that a corporation has the power to indemnify a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation and certain other persons serving at the request of the corporation in related capacities against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlements actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with a threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding to which he or she is or is threatened to be made a party by reason of such position, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, in any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, except that, in the case of actions brought by or in the right of the corporation, indemnification is limited to expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with defense or settlement of such action or suit and no indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or other adjudicating court determines that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper. In addition, to the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding described above (or claim, issue, or matter therein), such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith. Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an officer or director in defending any civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action, suit, or proceeding may be advanced by the corporation upon receipt of an undertaking by such person to repay such amount if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to indemnification by the corporation under Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

The Registrant's amended certificate of incorporation provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, as it may be amended from time to time, none of its directors will be personally liable to it or its stockholders for monetary damages resulting from a breach of fiduciary duty as a director. The Registrant's amended certificate of incorporation also provides discretionary indemnification for the benefit of its directors, officers and employees, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, as it may be amended from time to time. Pursuant to the Registrant's bylaws, the Registrant is required to indemnify its directors, officers, employees and agents and has the discretion to advance their related expenses, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The indemnification rights set forth above are not exclusive of any other right which an indemnified person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of the Registrant's amended and restated certificate of incorporation, the Registrant's amended and restated bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits

See Exhibit Index immediately following the signature pages.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

1. To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement, to:
 - i. include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
 - ii. reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or

decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement; and

- iii. include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

- That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment
2. shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
 3. To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

- The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (b)

- Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.
- (c)

SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements of filing this Registration Statement on Form S-8 and authorized this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, in Los Angeles, California on April 17, 2015.

REED'S, INC.

/s/ Christopher J. Reed
 Christopher J. Reed
 Chief Executive Officer

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each of the undersigned officers and directors of Reed's, Inc. hereby constitutes and appoints Christopher J. Reed, his attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution for her in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments or post-effective amendments to this registration statement, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith or in connection with the registration of the shares of common stock under the Securities Act of 1933, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto such attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary in connection with such matters as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact and agent or her substitute may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<i>/s/ Christopher J. Reed</i> Christopher J. Reed	Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)	April 17, 2015
<i>/s/ Lawrence W. Tomsic</i> Lawrence W. Tomsic	Interim Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	April 17, 2015
<i>/s/ Judy Holloway Reed</i> Judy Holloway Reed	Director	April 17, 2015

<i>/s/ Mark Harris</i> Mark Harris	Director	April 17, 2015
<i>/s/ Daniel S.J. Muffoletto</i> Daniel S.J. Muffoletto	Director	April 17, 2015
<i>/s/ Michael Fischman</i> Michael Fischman	Director	April 17, 2015

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
4.1	Form of common stock certificate (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Reed's, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (File No. 333-120451))
4.2	2015 Incentive and Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan and related documents, filed herewith
5.1	Opinion of Qashu & Schoenthaler LLP, filed herewith
23.1	Consent of Weinberg & Company, PA, filed herewith
23.2	Consent of Qashu & Schoenthaler LLP (filed as part of Exhibit 5.1)
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