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**UNITED STATES  
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**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**July 18, 2007**

**THE HILLMAN COMPANIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-13293**  
(Commission File No.)

**23-2874736**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

10590 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) (513) 851-4900

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

b) Mr. Mark Dolfato resigned as a director of The Hillman Companies, Inc. (the "Company") effective as of July 18, 2007. A copy of the press release announcing such resignation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

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**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of the Company dated July 18, 2007

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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.

Date: July 18, 2007

THE HILLMAN COMPANIES, INC.

/s/ James P. Waters

James P. Waters  
Chief Financial Officer

**Exhibit 99.1**

**The Hillman Companies, Inc.**

Mark Dolfato Resigns as a Director of the Company

CINCINNATI — July 18, 2007 — The Hillman Companies, Inc. (AMEX: HLM\_P) today announced that Mark Dolfato has resigned from the Board of Directors effective as of July 18, 2007 in order to pursue other business opportunities. Mr. Dolfato has been a director of the Company since 2004 and was a member of the Compensation and Audit Committees.

For more information on the Company, please visit our website at <http://hillmangroup.com> or call Investor Relations at (513) 851-4900, ext. 2084.