

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
June 08, 2012

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
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): June 8, 2012

AMERICAN EQUITY  
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Iowa	001-31911	42-1447959
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

6000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa	50266
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

(515) 221-0002  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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.

On June 8, 2012, American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (the “Company”) announced that Wendy C. Waugaman, Chief Executive Officer and President, will take a medical leave of absence, effective immediately. She will remain on American Equity's Board of Directors and will participate in certain management and strategic discussions as her health permits. The Company also announced that John M. Matovina, Chief Financial Officer, will serve as interim Chief Executive Officer and President during Mrs. Waugaman's absence.

In satisfaction of the disclosure required pursuant to Items 401(b) and 401(e) of Regulation S-K, the section of the Company's 2012 Proxy Statement, filed with the SEC on April 23, 2012, entitled “Executive Officers” is incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being furnished with this Form 8-K.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated June 8, 2012.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 8, 2012

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By: /s/ John M. Matovina  
Name: John M. Matovina  
Title: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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