

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
January 25, 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): January 24, 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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 24, 2012, the registrant issued a press release announcing that its annuity sales in the fourth quarter of 2011 totaled \$1.4 billion (\$1.3 billion net of coinsurance), bringing aggregate sales for 2011 to \$5.1 billion (\$4.8 billion net of coinsurance). This represents year over year growth of 9%. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information, including exhibits attached hereto, furnished under this Item 2.02 shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

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 January 24, 2012, announcing American Equity Investment Life Holding Company's annuity deposits for the three months and year ended December 31, 2011.

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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: January 25, 2012

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

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