AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO

Form 8-K June 08, 2012

UNITED STATES			
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	COMMISSION		
Washington, D.C. 20549			
FORM 8-K			
CURRENT REPORT			
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of t	he Securities Excha	ange Act of 1934	
Date of Report (Date of earliest eve	nt reported): June	8, 2012	
AMERICAN EQUITY			
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING (COMPANY		
(Exact Name of Registrant as Speci	fied in its Charter)		
Iowa	001-31911		42-1447959
(State or Other Jurisdiction			(IRS Employer
of Incorporation)	(Commission	File Number)	Indentification No.)
6000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa		50266	
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)	
(515) 221-0002			
(Registrant's telephone number, inc	luding area code)		
Not Applicable			
(Former Name or Former Address,	if Changed Since L	Last Report)	
Check the appropriate box below if	the Form 8-K filin	g is intended to sim	ultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of
the registrant under any of the follo	wing provisions:		
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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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	Description
Number	
99.1	Press release dated June 8, 2012.

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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: June 8, 2012

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

By:/s/ John M. MatovinaName:John M. MatovinaTitle:Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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