

TORCHMARK CORP  
Form 8-A12B  
September 24, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Torchmark Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or incorporation

or organization)

**3700 South Stonebridge Drive, McKinney, Texas 75070**

**63-0780404**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which
<b>to be so Registered</b> <b>5.875% Junior Subordinated Debentures due 2052</b>	<b>Each Class is to be Registered</b> <b>New York Stock Exchange</b>

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-182473

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities To Be Registered.**

For a description of the securities to be registered hereunder, reference is made to the information under the heading "Description of Securities We May Offer" "Description of Debt Securities" in the Prospectus included in the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-182473) of Torchmark Corporation (the "Registrant"), as supplemented by the information under the heading "Description of Debentures" in the Registrant's related Prospectus Supplement, dated September 17, 2012, filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on September 18, 2012 pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Such information is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this registration statement.

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

Exhibit No.	Description
1	Junior Subordinated Indenture, dated as of November 2, 2001, between the Registrant and The Bank of New York, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on November 2, 2001).
2	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 24, 2012, between the Registrant and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as successor trustee, supplementing the Junior Subordinated Indenture, dated as of November 2, 2001 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on September 24, 2012).
3	Form of 5.875% Junior Subordinated Debenture due 2052 (included in Exhibit 2).

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

**TORCHMARK CORPORATION**

/s/ Carol A. McCoy  
Carol A. McCoy

Vice President, Associate Counsel and Secretary

Dated: September 24, 2012

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