

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
June 01, 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): May 31, 2012

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

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| Iowa<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | 001-31911<br>(Commission File Number) | 42-1447959<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 6000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa<br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 50266<br>(Zip Code) |
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(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 8.01. Other Events

On May 31, 2012, the registrant issued a press release announcing that it has issued a notice of mandatory redemption of all of its 8% Convertible Junior Subordinated Debentures Due 2029 (the "Debentures") and that American Equity Capital Trust I, the holder of all of the Debentures, has issued notices of mandatory redemption of all of its 8% Convertible Trust Preferred Securities and all of its 8% Convertible Trust Common Securities. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is 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<br>Number | Description                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1              | Press release dated May 31, 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: May 31, 2012

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

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