

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
April 18, 2013

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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): April 15, 2013

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

Iowa 001-31911  
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission  
of Incorporation) File Number)

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

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

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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42-1447959  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)  
50266  
(Zip Code)

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On April 15, 2013, the Board of Directors of American Equity Investment Life Holding Company approved the amendment and restatement of the Short-Term Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan") that was originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 14, 2013. The amended and restated Plan includes changes to the originally filed Plan to expand the available performance objectives upon which a performance award can be based. The foregoing description of the amended and restated Plan is qualified in its entirety by the terms of the amended and restated Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	American Equity Investment Life Holding Company Short-Term Performance Incentive Plan adopted April 15, 2013, as amended and restated.

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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: April 18, 2013

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING  
COMPANY

By: /s/ John M. Matovina

Name: John M. Matovina

Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

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