

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
September 16, 2010

**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): **September 15, 2010**

**AMERICAN EQUITY  
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Iowa**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-31911**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**42-1447959**  
(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**

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

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  - 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.**

In a press release on September 15, 2010, American Equity Investment Life Holding Company announced that it intends to offer convertible senior notes in a private offering. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1                    Press Release dated September 15, 2010, issued by American Equity Investment Life Holding Company

**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:** September 15, 2010

**AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT  
LIFE HOLDING COMPANY**

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

**Exhibit Index**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press Release dated September 15, 2010, issued by American Equity Investment Life Holding Company