

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES

PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as  
specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State of incorporation or  
organization of registrant)

**95-2492236**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**PLC CAPITAL TRUST IV**

(Exact name of registrant as  
specified in Trust Agreements)

**Delaware**

(State of incorporation or  
organization of each registrant)

**72-6182543**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**c/o DEBORAH J. LONG, Esq.  
Senior Vice President, Secretary & General Counsel  
Protective Life Corporation  
2801 Highway 280 South  
Birmingham, Alabama**

(Address of principal executive offices of each registrant)

**35223**

(Zip Code)

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

Title of each class to be so registered  
**Trust Originated Preferred Securities  
("TOPrS"), to be issued by PLC Capital  
Trust IV and the Preferred Securities  
Guarantee by Protective Life Corporation  
with respect thereto**

Name of each exchange on which  
each class is to be registered  
**New York Stock Exchange**

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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. /x/

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. //

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Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-80769

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

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### Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The Trust Originated Preferred Securities (the "Preferred Securities") of PLC Capital Trust IV ("PLC Capital"), guaranteed by Protective Life Corporation to the extent set forth in the form of Preferred Securities Guarantee (the "Preferred Securities Guarantee") of Protective Life Corporation (the "Company"), represent undivided beneficial interests in the assets of PLC Capital. The Preferred Securities and the Preferred Securities Guarantee were registered on a delayed (shelf) basis with the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1999. The descriptions of the Preferred Securities and the Preferred Securities Guarantee are set forth under the captions "Description of Securities" in the Prospectus Supplement to be subsequently filed by the Company and PLC Capital pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act as a supplement to the base Prospectus filed in the Company's and PLC Capital's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-80769), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 16, 1999 and which became effective on July 13, 1999.

### Item 2. Exhibits.

- 1.01 Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-80769) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 16, 1999 by Protective Life Corporation and PLC Capital Trust IV, as amended (the "Registration Statement"), is incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.01 Subordinated Indenture, dated as of June 1, 1994, between Protective Life Corporation and The Bank of New York (as successor to AmSouth Bank), as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(h) to Protective Life Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 17, 1994).
- 4.02 Supplemental Indenture No. 1, dated as of June 9, 1994, to the Subordinated Indenture between Protective Life Corporation and The Bank of New York (as successor to AmSouth Bank), as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(h)(1) to Protective Life Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 17, 1994).
- 4.03 Supplemental Indenture No. 2, dated as of August 1, 1994, to the Subordinated Indenture between Protective Life Corporation and The Bank of New York (as successor to AmSouth Bank), as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(l) to Protective Life Corporation's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 33-55063)).
- 4.04 Supplemental Indenture No.3, dated as of April 29, 1997, to the Subordinated Indenture between Protective Life Corporation and The Bank of New York (as successor to AmSouth Bank), as Trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4(g) to Protective Life Corporation's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-25027)).
- 4.05 Supplemental Indenture No. 4, dated November 20, 1997, to the Subordinated Indenture between Protective Life Corporation and The Bank of New York (as successor to AmSouth Bank), as Trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4(m) to Protective Life Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 5, 1997).
- 4.06 Supplemental Indenture No. 5, dated as of August 22, 2001, to the Subordinated Indenture between Protective Life Corporation and The Bank of New York (as successor to AmSouth Bank), as Trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Protective Life Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 23, 2001).
- 4.07 Form of Supplemental Indenture No. 6 to the Subordinated Indenture between Protective Life Corporation and The Bank of New York (as successor to AmSouth Bank), as Trustee.

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- 4.08 Declaration of Trust of PLC Capital Trust IV, dated as of July 1, 1999, between Protective Life Corporation, as Sponsor, and Wilmington Trust Company, as Trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4(ff) to Protective's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (333-30905)).
  - 4.09 Form of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of PLC Capital Trust IV, between Protective Life Corporation, as Sponsor, and Wilmington Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee and Delaware Trustee.
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