

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
May 23, 2018

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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 23, 2018**

**AMERICAN EQUITY  
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in 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**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**50266**  
(Zip Code)

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

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

In a press release issued on May 23, 2018, American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (the Company ) noted recent market rumors and confirmed that it is in preliminary discussions regarding a potential transaction. No assurance can be given that such discussions will continue, that any definitive agreement will be reached with respect to a transaction or that a transaction will be consummated. The Company does not intend to make any further press releases or announcements regarding this matter unless and until a definitive agreement has been reached. 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

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	<u>Press Release dated May 23, 2018</u>

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 23, 2018

**AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT  
LIFE HOLDING COMPANY**

By: /s/ Renee D. Montz  
Name: Renee D. Montz  
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel &  
Secretary