AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO Form 8-K February 08, 2017

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): February 8, 2017 AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter) 001-31911 42-1447959 Iowa (State or Other Jurisdiction (IRS Employer (Commission File Number) of Incorporation) Identification No.) 6000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 (Zip (Address of Principal Executive Offices) Code) (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: o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 8, 2017, the registrant issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2016, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The registrant's financial supplement for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2016, is attached as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information, including exhibits attached hereto, furnished under this Item 2.02 shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being furnished with this Form 8-K.

Exhibit Number Description

- 99.1 Press release dated February 8, 2017, announcing American Equity Investment Life Holding Company's financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2016.
- 99.2 American Equity Investment Life Holding Company's Financial Supplement for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2016.

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SIGNATURE

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: February 8, 2017 AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

By:/s/ John M. Matovina John M. Matovina Chief Executive Officer and President

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