

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO
Form 8-K
June 16, 2005

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): **June 16, 2005**

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.)

5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 440, West Des Moines, Iowa
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

50266
(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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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 4.01. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

(b) On June 16, 2005, American Equity Investment Life Holding Company, an Iowa corporation (the "Company"), appointed KPMG LLP ("KPMG") as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm commencing July 1, 2005.

During the Company's two most recent fiscal years and through the date hereof, the Company did not consult KPMG with respect to (i) the application of accounting principles to any transaction, either completed or proposed; or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements, and neither a written report was provided to the Company nor oral advice was provided that KPMG concluded was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to the accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue; or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement (as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions thereto) or a reportable event (as described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K). Attached and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the press release issued by the Company on June 16, 2005 announcing the appointment.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated June 16, 2005.

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: June 16, 2005

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT
LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

By: /s/ Wendy L. Carlson
Wendy L. Carlson
Chief Financial Officer and
General Counsel

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Press Release dated June 16, 2005

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