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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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Stock

Stock

Common

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL]					ıg	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
								NG	(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			
(Last) 6000 WEST	(First) (M	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2018						Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive VP-Chief Inv Officer			
				nendment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
WEST DES	MOINES, IA 50	266							Form filed by M Person	fore than One Rep	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-	Deriva	ative S	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/D	Date, if	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ion(A) (Ins	or Distr. 3, 4	spose	5) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common	02/00/2010			_	0.00	_	_	\$	05.511	-		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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						Date	Expiration		or		
							Date	Title Nu	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Lorenzen Jeffrey D 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

Executive VP-Chief Inv Officer

Signatures

Renee D. Montz, by Power of Attorney

03/12/2018

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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