

UNITED INSURANCE HOLDINGS CORP.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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

UNITED INSURANCE HOLDINGS CORP.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-52833 (Commission File Number)	75-3241967 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
360 Central Avenue, Suite 900 Saint Petersburg, FL (Address of principal executive offices)	33701 (Zip Code)	(727) 895-7737 (Registrants's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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

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), check the following box. []

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), check the following box. [X]

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: Not applicable.

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

Preferred Share Purchase Rights

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

On July 20, 2012, the Board of Directors of United Insurance Holdings Corp. (the "Company") declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right (a "Right") for each outstanding share of common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share ("Common Shares"), of the Company. The dividend is payable to the stockholders of record on August 3, 2012 (the "Record Date"). Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one one-hundredth of a share of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$0.0001 par value ("Preferred Shares"), of the Company, at a price of \$27.00 per one one-hundredth of a Preferred Share, subject to adjustment (the "Purchase Price"). The description and terms of the Rights are set forth in a Rights Agreement (the "Rights Agreement"), dated July 20, 2012, between the Company and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as Rights Agent (the "Rights Agent").

Until the earlier to occur of (i) 10 days following a public announcement that a person or group of affiliated or associated persons (other than the Company, a subsidiary of the Company, an employee benefit plan of the Company or a subsidiary, or a person who beneficially owns 20% or more of the Common Shares of the Company outstanding on the effective date of the Rights Agreement) (an "Acquiring Person") has acquired beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the outstanding Common Shares (the "Shares Acquisition Date") or (ii) 10 business days (or such later date as may be determined by action of the Company's Board of Directors prior to such time as any person becomes an Acquiring Person) following the commencement of, or announcement of an intention to make, a tender offer or exchange offer the consummation of which would result in the beneficial ownership by a person or group (other than the Company, a subsidiary of the Company, an employee benefit plan of the Company or a subsidiary, or a person who beneficially owns 20% or more of the Common Shares of the Company outstanding on the effective date of the Rights Agreement) of 20% or more of such outstanding Common Shares or (iii) 10 days following a public announcement that the Board declared a person or group of affiliated or associated persons which beneficially owns 15% or more of the Company's outstanding common stock to be an "Adverse Person," as described below, (the earlier of such dates being called the "Distribution Date"), the Rights will be evidenced, with respect to any of the Common Share certificates outstanding as of the Record Date, by such Common Share certificate.

An "Adverse Person" is any person or group of affiliated or associated persons beneficially owning 15% or more of the outstanding Common Shares, if the Board determines (i) that the person or group is holding the Common Shares in order to cause the Company to repurchase their Common Shares or to cause pressure on the Company to take action or enter into a transaction or series of transactions where the Board determines that the actions to be taken are not in the best long-term interests of the Company or its stockholders, or (ii) that beneficial ownership of the Company's Common Shares by the person or group is causing or reasonably likely to cause a material adverse impact on the business or prospects of the Company.

Certain synthetic interests in securities created by derivative positions - whether or not such interests are considered to be ownership of the underlying Common Shares or are reportable for purposes of Regulation 13D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 - are treated as beneficial ownership of the number of Common Shares equivalent to the economic exposure created by the derivative position, to the extent actual Common Shares are directly or indirectly held by counterparties to the derivatives contracts. Swaps dealers unassociated with any control intent or intent to evade the purposes of the Rights Agreement are excepted from such imputed beneficial ownership.

The Rights Agreement provides that, until the Distribution Date, the Rights will be transferred with and only with the Common Shares. Until the Distribution Date (or earlier redemption or expiration of the Rights), new Common Share certificates issued after the Record Date, upon transfer or new issuance of Common Shares, will contain a notation incorporating the Rights Agreement by reference. Until the Distribution Date (or earlier redemption or expiration of the Rights), the surrender for transfer of any certificates for Common Shares, outstanding as of the Record Date, even without such notation, will also constitute the transfer of the Rights associated with the Common Shares represented by such certificate. As soon as practicable following the Distribution Date, separate certificates evidencing the Rights ("Right Certificates") will be mailed to holders of record of the Common Shares as of the close of business on the

Distribution Date and such separate Right Certificates alone will evidence the Rights.

The Rights are not exercisable until the Distribution Date. The Rights will expire on July 20, 2022 (the “Final Expiration Date”), unless the Rights are earlier redeemed or exchanged by the Company, in each case as described below.

The Purchase Price payable, and the number of Preferred Shares or other securities or property issuable, upon exercise of the Rights are subject to adjustment from time to time to prevent dilution (i) in the event of a stock dividend on, or a subdivision, combination or reclassification of, the Preferred Shares, (ii) upon the grant to holders of the Preferred Shares of certain rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase Preferred Shares at a price, or securities convertible into Preferred Shares with a conversion price, less than the then current market price of the Preferred Shares or (iii) upon the distribution to holders of the Preferred Shares of evidences of indebtedness or assets (excluding regular quarterly cash dividends or dividends payable in Preferred Shares) or of subscription rights or warrants (other than those referred to above).

The number of outstanding Rights and the number of one one-hundredths of a Preferred Share issuable upon exercise of each Right are also subject to adjustment in the event of a stock split of the Common Shares or a stock dividend on the Common Shares payable in Common Shares or subdivisions, consolidations or combinations of the Common Shares occurring, in any such case, prior to the Distribution Date.

Preferred Shares purchasable upon the exercise of Rights will not be redeemable. Each Preferred Share will be entitled to a minimum preferential quarterly dividend payment of \$1.00 per share but will be entitled to an aggregate dividend of 100 times the dividend declared per Common Share. In the event of liquidation, the holders of the Preferred Shares will be entitled to a minimum preferential liquidation payment of \$100 per share but will be entitled to an aggregate payment of 100 times the payment made per Common Share. Each Preferred Share will have one vote per share, voting as a separate class on all matters submitted to holders of Common Shares. Finally, in the event of any merger, consolidation or other transaction in which Common Shares are exchanged, each Preferred Share will be entitled to receive 100 times the amount received per Common Share. These rights are protected by customary antidilution provisions.

Because of the nature of the Preferred Shares' dividend and liquidation rights, the economic value of the one one-hundredth interest in a Preferred Share purchasable upon exercise of each Right should approximate the value of one Common Share.

In the event that any person becomes an Acquiring Person or an Adverse Person (a "Flip-In Event"), each holder of a Right (except as otherwise provided in the Rights Agreement) will thereafter have the right to receive upon exercise that number of Common Shares (or, in certain circumstances cash, property or other securities of the Company or a reduction in the Purchase Price) having a market value of two times the then current Purchase Price. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, following the occurrence of a Flip-In Event all Rights that are, or (under certain circumstances specified in the Rights Agreement) were, or subsequently become beneficially owned by an Acquiring Person or Adverse Person, related persons and transferees will be null and void.

In the event that, at any time following the Shares Acquisition Date, (i) the Company is acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction or (ii) 50% or more of its consolidated assets or earning power are sold (the events described in clauses (i) and (ii) are herein referred to as "Flip-Over Events"), proper provision will be made so that each holder of a Right (except as otherwise provided in the Rights Agreement) will thereafter have the right to receive, upon the exercise thereof at the then current Purchase Price, that number of shares of common stock of the acquiring company which at the time of such transaction will have a market value of two times the then current Purchase Price.

With certain exceptions, no adjustment in the Purchase Price will be required until cumulative adjustments require an adjustment of at least 1% in such Purchase Price. No fractional Preferred Shares will be issued (other than fractions which are integral multiples of one one-hundredth of a Preferred Share, which may, at the election of the Company be evidenced by depositary receipts). In lieu thereof, an adjustment in cash will be made based on the market price of the Preferred Shares on the last trading day prior to the date of exercise.

The Purchase Price is payable by certified check, cashier's check, or money order.

At any time after a person becomes an Acquiring Person or Adverse Person and prior to the acquisition by such Acquiring Person or Adverse Person of 50% or more of the outstanding Common Shares, the Board of Directors of the Company may exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by any Acquiring Person or Adverse Person which have become void), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one Common Share, or one one-hundredth of a Preferred Share (or of a share of a class or series of the Company's preferred stock having equivalent rights, preferences and privileges), per Right (subject to adjustment).

At any time prior to a person becoming an Acquiring Person or Adverse Person, the Board of Directors of the Company may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$.001 per Right (the "Redemption Price"). The redemption of the Rights may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion may establish. Immediately upon any redemption of the Rights, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of Rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

The terms of the Rights may be amended by the Board of Directors of the Company without the consent of the holders of the Rights, except that from and after such time as any person becomes an Acquiring Person or Adverse Person no such amendment may adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Rights.

Until a Right is exercised, the holder thereof, as such, will have no rights as a shareholder of the Company, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends.

While distribution of the Rights will not constitute a taxable event to the shareholders or the Company, the shareholders may, depending on the circumstances, recognize taxable income in the event that the Rights become exercisable for Preferred Shares (or other consideration) of the Company or for common stock of the acquiring company, as set forth above.

As of July 20, 2012, there were 10,361,849 Common Shares issued and outstanding. Each outstanding Common Share upon the close of business on August 3, 2012 will receive one Right. As long as the Rights are attached to the Common Shares, the Company will issue one Right for each Common Share which becomes outstanding between the Record Date and the Distribution Date so that all such shares will have attached Rights. The Company's Board of Directors has initially reserved 125,000 Preferred Shares for issuance upon exercise of the Rights, effective on the Record Date.

The Rights have certain anti-takeover effects. The Rights will cause substantial dilution to a person or group that attempts to acquire the Company without conditioning the offer on redemption of the Rights or on a substantial number of Rights being acquired. The Rights should not interfere with any merger or other business combination approved by the Board of Directors of the Company prior to the time that the Rights may not be redeemed (as described above) since the Board of Directors may, at its option, at any time until a person becomes an Acquiring Person or Adverse Person redeem all but not less than all the then outstanding Rights at \$.001 per Right. The Rights are designed to provide additional protection against abusive takeover tactics such as offers for all shares at less than full value or at an inappropriate time (in terms of maximizing long-term shareholder value), partial tender offers and selective open-market purchases. The Rights are intended to assure that the Company's Board of Directors has the ability to protect shareholders and the Company if efforts are made to gain control of the Company in a manner that is not in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

The Rights Agreement between the Company and the Rights Agent specifying the terms of the Rights, which includes as Exhibit B the Form of Right Certificate, is attached hereto as an exhibit. The foregoing description of the Rights does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

The following document is filed as a part of this registration statement:

Exhibit No.	Description
4.1	Rights Agreement, dated as of July 20, 2012, between United Insurance Holdings Corp. and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, which includes as Exhibit A thereto a summary of the terms of the Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, as Exhibit B thereto the Form of Right Certificate, and as Exhibit C thereto the Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Shares.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

UNITED INSURANCE HOLDINGS CORP.

Date: July 23, 2012

By: /s/ John F. Rohloff

John F. Rohloff

Interim Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

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