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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

February 12, 2008 (February 12, 2008)

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Protective Life Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-11339 (Commission File Number) 95-2492236 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2801 Highway 280 South Birmingham, Alabama 35223 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(205) 268-1000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 12, 2008, Protective Life Corporation (the "Company") announced that it commenced execution of its previously authorized share repurchase program. On May 7, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors extended its previously authorized \$100 million share repurchase program through May 6, 2010. Reference is made to the press release filed as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

99 - Press Release Dated Februay 12, 2008

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 thereunto duly authorized.

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION /s/Steven G. Walker Steven G. Walker Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: February 12, 2008