AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC

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Registration No. 333-176192 Registration No. 333-184915

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Ohio 31-1544320

(State or other jurisdiction of (IRS Employer Identification incorporation or organization) Number)

301 East Fourth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (513) 579-2121

(Address of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. EQUITY BONUS PLAN

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of Agent for Service of Process)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On August 9, 2011, the Registrant filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration Statement 333-176192) (the "2011 Form S-8") registering 1,500,000 shares of the Registrant's common stock pursuant to the Co-CEO Equity Bonus Plan (the "2011 Plan").

On November 13, 2012, the Registrant filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration Statement 333-184915) (the "2012 Form S-8" and collectively with the 2011 Form S-8, the "Registration Statements") registering an additional 500,000 shares of the Registrant's common stock pursuant to the Plan (which had been renamed as the "2012 Equity Bonus Plan," and collectively with the 2011 Plan, the "Plan").

The Registrant has terminated the Plan. No additional shares of common stock will be issued to participants under the Plan. This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement Nos. 333-176192 and 333-184915 is being filed in order to terminate all offerings under the Registration Statements and deregister all shares of common stock that were registered under the Registration Statements and remain unsold under the Plan.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 25, 2019.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Karl J. Grafe

Karl J. Grafe

Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Secretary

Note: No other person is required to sign this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 to Registration Statement Nos. 333-176192 and 333-184915 in reliance upon Rule 478 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.