

INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
February 17, 2012

**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): February 10, 2012

**INDEPENDENCE HOLDING COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation  
or organization)

**010306**  
(Commission File Number)

**58-1407235**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No.)

**96 Cummings Point Road,**  
**Stamford, Connecticut**  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

**06902**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(203) 358-8000**

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:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-4(c))



**Item 2.01**

**Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.**

On February 10, 2012, Standard Security Life Insurance Company of New York (“SSL”), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Independence Holding Company (“IHC”), pursuant to an Indemnity Reinsurance Agreement (the “Agreement”) with First Security Benefit Life Insurance and Annuity Company of New York (“FSB”), transferred approximately \$144 million to a pledged custody account created by FSB, representing the assets required to be held under applicable insurance laws in connection with the contracts being reinsured under the Agreement.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**INDEPENDENCE HOLDING COMPANY**

(Registrant)

/s/ Adam C. Vandervoort

Date: February 17, 2012

Adam C. Vandervoort

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary