#### TORCHMARK CORP

Form 4

December 15, 2010

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCWORTER ANTHONY L			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	First) (Middle) TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction		(Check all applicable)			
LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, 2001 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH			(Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2010	Director 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify below)  Exec. Officer of Principal Sub			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			

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Person

#### BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu					ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit over Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (		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 Stock	12/13/2010		M	15,000	A	\$ 62.1724	36,951	D		
Common Stock	12/03/2010		S	15,000	D	\$ 62.1724 (1) (2)	21,951	D		
Common Stock							3,622 (3)	I	Thrift Plan Trust	
Common Stock							6,129 (3)	I	Profit Sharing & Retirement	

Trust

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of tiorDerivative Securities ) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.26	12/13/2010		M		15,000	02/09/2002	08/11/2011	Common Stock	15,000

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MCWORTER ANTHONY L LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 2001 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233

Exec. Officer of Principal

Sub

#### **Signatures**

Anthony L. McWhorter, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy, Attorney-in-fact

12/15/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Sales at prices ranging from \$62.11 per share to \$62.299 per share.

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- (2) Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.
- (3) Shares in unitized fund in employee benefit plan estimated conversion of \$ balance to shares using \$61.50 per share.

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