# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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) January 19, 2021 (January 18, 2021)

## NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware	000-55522	47-3339380
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
10801 N. Mopac Expy Blo	dg 3	
Austin, Texas		78759
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's telepl	none number, including area	code (512) 836-1010
(Former Name o	<b>Not Applicable</b> or Former Address, if Change	ed Since Last Report)
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-registrant under any of the following provisions	_	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
<ul> <li>□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 4</li> <li>□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12</li> <li>□ Pre-commencement communications pursua</li> <li>□ Pre-commencement communications pursua</li> </ul>	under the Exchange Act (17) ant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the	CFR 240.14a-12) e Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) o	of the Act:	
Title of each class to be registered:	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered:
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	NWLI	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is 1933 (§230.405 of the chapter) or Rule 12-		ny as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of e Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of the chapter).
Emerging growth company □		
If an emerging growth company, indicate by cl	neck mark if the registrant ha	as elected not to use the extended transition period

for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 18, 2021, National Western Life Insurance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Western Life Group, Inc. ("Company"), issued a press release entitled "National Western Life Announces Reinsurance Transaction." A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The press release is available at the Company's website, www.nwlgi.com.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 18, 2021

#### **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 hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE GROUP, INC.

Date: January 19, 2021 /S/Brian M. Pribyl

Brian M. Pribyl Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

#### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Description

Press Release of National Western Life Group, Inc. issued January 18, 2021, "National Western Life Announces Reinsurance Transaction".



## **NEWS RELEASE**

**EXHIBIT 99.1** 

#### National Western Life Announces Reinsurance Transaction

Austin, Texas, January 18, 2021 - National Western Life Insurance Company ("NWLIC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of National Western Life Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: NWLI), announced today the execution of an annuity reinsurance transaction with Prosperity Life Assurance Limited ("Prosperity"), a Bermuda based reinsurer rated A-(Excellent) by A. M. Best. The effective date of the transaction is December 31, 2020.

In a strategic move to expand financial flexibility and provide opportunity for incremental earnings, the Company entered into an annuity reinsurance agreement with Prosperity, an emerging provider of customized and innovative reinsurance solutions to the life insurance and annuity industry, in a transaction encompassing approximately \$1.7 billion in fixed annuity reserves.

With this agreement, NWLIC expects to improve its overall financial performance and risk-based capital (RBC) ratios. "By reinsuring older fixed annuity business, we anticipate improving our already strong capital position and RBC ratio as well as increasing our financial flexibility," commented Ross R. Moody, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. NWLIC will continue to administer and service the policies included in the transaction.

Following an announcement made early in 2020 of NWLIC's intent to strengthen the organization by expanding product lines and diversifying into new distribution channels, the transaction with Prosperity further supports and reinforces the Company's strategic commitment to enhance its product portfolio management efforts while upgrading its technology platforms supporting its business operations.

#### **About National Western Life:**

National Western Life Group, Inc. is the parent organization of National Western Life Insurance Company, which is the parent organization of Ozark National Life Insurance Company, both stock life insurance companies in aggregate offering a broad portfolio of individual universal life, whole life and term insurance plans, as well as annuity products. At September 30, 2020, National Western Life Group, Inc. maintained consolidated total assets of \$12.4 billion, consolidated stockholders' equity of \$2.2 billion, and combined life insurance inforce of \$22.2 billion.

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