

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP  
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## 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

## PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

2801 Highway 280 South  
Birmingham, Alabama 35223

1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan  
1996 Stock Incentive Plan  
(Full title of the Plan)

Deborah J. Long, Esq.  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary  
2801 Highway 280 South  
Birmingham, Alabama 35223  
(205) 868-3885

(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

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### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

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Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered(1)	Proposed maximum offering price per unit	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, par value \$.50 per share	4,000,000	\$21.75(2)	\$87,000,000	\$22,968

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Name	Title	Date
/s/ JOHN D. JOHNS	President and Chief Executive Officer; Director	March 13, 2002
John D. Johns		
/s/ ALLEN W. RITCHIE	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	March 13, 2002
Allen W. Ritchie		
*	Vice President and Controller	
Jerry W. DeFoor		
*	Chairman of the Board	
Drayton Nabers, Jr.		
*	Director	
William J. Cabaniss, Jr.		
*	Director	
John J. McMahon, Jr.		
*	Director	
A. W. Dahlberg		
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*	Director	
James S. M. French		
*	Director	
Robert A. Yellowlees		
*	Director	
Donald M. James		
*	Director	
J. Gary Cooper		
*	Director	
H. Corbin Day		

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W. Michael Warren, Jr.

Director

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Susan Molinari

Director

\*By: /s/ NANCY KANE

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Nancy Kane  
*Attorney-in-Fact*

March 13, 2002

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Item 8. Exhibits

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