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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

PRE-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1

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FORM S-3A

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ALLSTATE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Exact Name of Registrant)

ILLINOIS 36-2554642 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Incorporation or Organization) Identification Number)

> 3100 SANDERS ROAD NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS 60062 847/402-5000

(Address and Phone Number of Principal Executive Office)

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The table on the face page captioned "CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE" is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be	Proposed maximum	Proposed maximum	Amount of
	registered(1)	offering price per unit	aggregate offering price(1)	registration fee
Deferred annuity contracts and participating interests therein	\$250,000,000	(2)	\$80,000,000	\$10,136

The section entitled "ANNUAL REPORTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS" on page 29 of the initial filing of File Number 333-117685 is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Allstate Life's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, is incorporated herein by reference, which means that it is legally a part of this prospectus.

After the date of this prospectus and before we terminate the offering of the securities under this prospectus, all documents or reports we file with the SEC under the Exchange Act are also incorporated herein by reference, which means that they also legally become a part of this prospectus.

Statements in this prospectus, or in documents that we file later with the SEC and that legally become a part of this prospectus, may change or supersede statements in other documents that are legally part of this prospectus. Accordingly, only the statement that is changed or replaced will legally be a part of this prospectus.

We file our Exchange Act documents and reports, including our annual and quarterly reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, electronically on the SEC's "EDGAR" system using the identifying number CIK No. CIK 0000352736. The SEC maintains a Web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that files electronically with the SEC. The address of the site is http://www.sec.gov. You also can view these materials at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. For more information on the operations of the SEC's Public Reference Room, call 1-800-SEC-0330. If you have received a copy of this prospectus, and would like a free copy of any document incorporated herein by reference (other than exhibits not specifically incorporated by reference into the text of such documents), please write or call us at P.O. Box 82656, Lincoln, NE 68501 (telephone: 1-800-203-0068).

Part II, Item 16, of File Number 333-117685 is amended to provide as follows:

(23)(a) Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Exhibit List is amended by adding the following:

EXHIBIT LIST

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

- Exhibit No. Description
- (23)(a) Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Exhibit 23(a)

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement No. 333-117685 of Allstate Life Insurance Company on Form S-3 of our report dated February 4, 2004 (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to changes in the methods of accounting for embedded derivatives in modified coinsurance agreements and variable interest entities in 2003), appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Allstate Life Insurance Company for the year ended December 31, 2003.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chicago, Illinois August 9, 2004