

**SUMMARY OF 1998 LB 204
CHANGE REGISTRATION DUTIES AND
PROVIDE FOR DISCLOSURE AND
RELEASE OF CERTAIN
RECORDS RELATING TO
SEX OFFENDERS**

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As passed, Legislative Bill 204 requires the Nebraska State Patrol and any state law enforcement agency designated by the State Patrol to release relevant information that is necessary to protect the public from a registered sex offender. The State Patrol is required to adopt rules and regulations for the release of such information.

The rules and regulations shall identify and incorporate factors relevant to a sex offender's risk of recidivism. If the *risk* of recidivism by a sex offender is *low*, then only the law enforcement agencies likely to encounter the sex offender shall be notified. If the *risk* is *moderate*, then the law enforcement agencies likely to encounter the sex offender — as well as schools, daycare centers, and religious and youth organizations — shall be notified. If the *risk* is *high*, then the aforesaid as well as all persons likely to encounter the sex offender shall be notified.

In addition, LB 203 was amended into LB 204. LB 203 would no longer require the sheriff of each county to notify those moving to Nebraska that convicted sex offenders are required to register in Nebraska. A convicted sex offender from another state would have already registered in his or her home state and should be aware that they are required to re-register their status if they move to another state. Therefore, personal notification of Nebraska's registration law by the sheriff is unnecessary.

The Governor approved LB 204 on April 6, 1998.

