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section (5). Could you describe to me how the State Patrol would research whether a--and this is dealing with mentally ill dangerous persons--how the State Patrol would research or know whether a similar law of another jurisdiction, that there is a person under that.

SENATOR COMBS: They're going to work in collaboration with the local county sheriffs. They are not operating, you know, in...without other local law enforcement people. So I can't answer specifically. I'm sure that, you know, it's going to be up to them to ensure that the checks that they do are thorough. But they are going to work in collaboration with the local county sheriffs, so they have not been taken out of the picture when it comes to identifying people in their district that should not have one.

SENATOR THOMPSON: So is that contained in a different section of this bill that I haven't seen? Or...because when I was...and we're calling and getting this information, but at the...the last discussion I had on this was that there wasn't a database available to local law enforcement that would have data from another state on mental health commitments. Has something changed? Is this...

SENATOR COMBS: I don't know. That's...

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...available to the State Patrol?

SENATOR COMBS: ...a question that needs to be directed to the State Patrol, I would think. In Section...or, point (5) it says, not to have been found in the previous five years--which, we're thinking of ten--to be a mentally ill dangerous person under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act. So I would imagine they would have counterparts other places that could, if...you know, across state lines.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Well, I know this was a problem before, and I don't know why. The State Patrol, we've been checking in the lobby. Is there someone here from the State Patrol? We cannot find them.