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Assisted Suicide in the States

STATE LAWS AND LEGAL POLICY AS OF MARCH 26, 2018

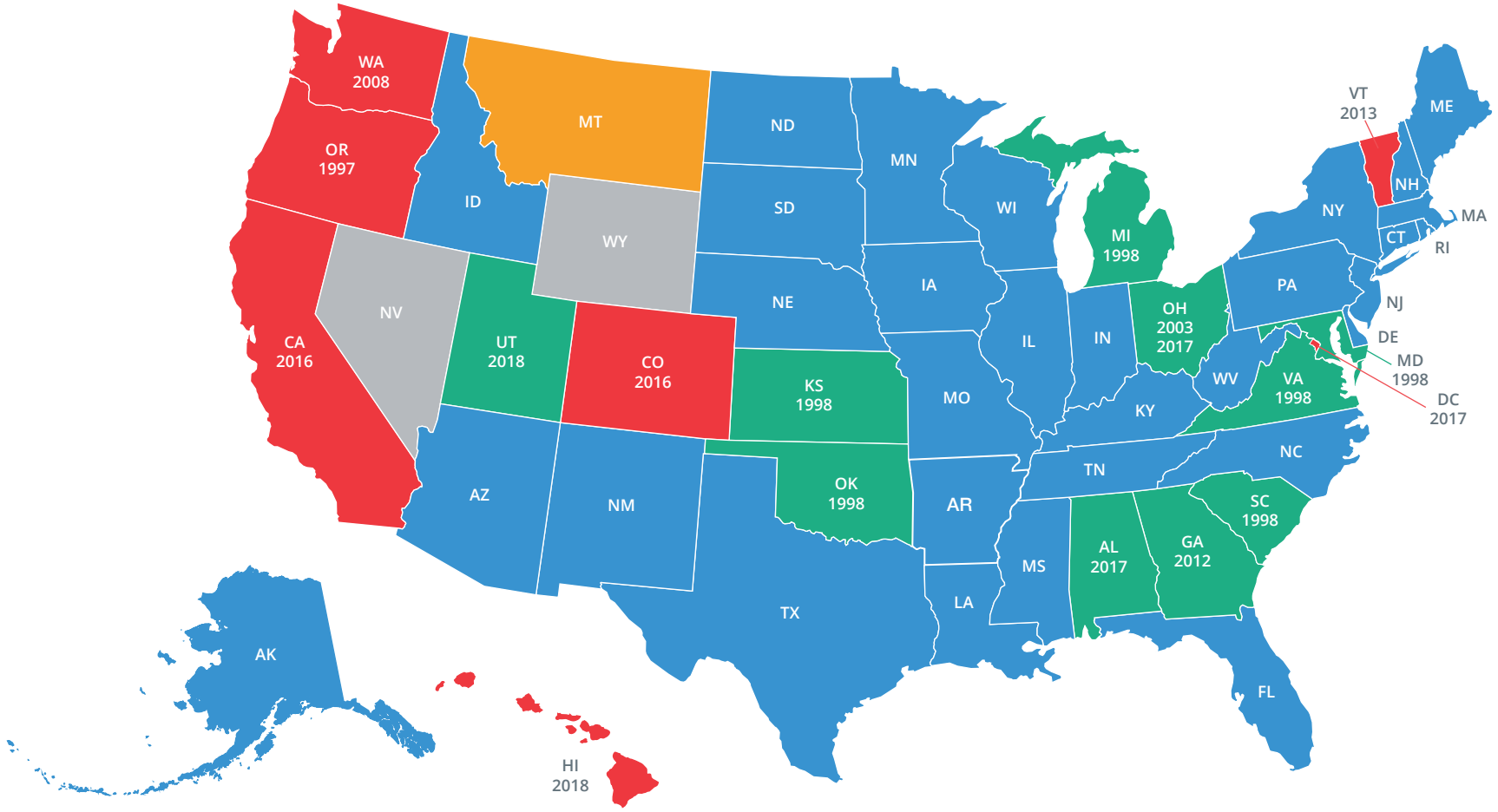
7 Laws allowing PAS to take effect since 1997

10 New laws against assisted suicide (including PAS) since 1997

31 Pre-1997 bans on assisted suicide still in effect

1 Court decision that may allow PAS in practice

2 No clear policy by statute or common law



Massachusetts, North Carolina, and **West Virginia** have no specific statute, but do have a common law tradition allowing prosecution for aiding a suicide.

Montana: State Supreme Court ruling left older law in place, but said it does not apply to PAS when physician can show patient's consent.