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Assisted Suicide in the States

STATE LAWS AND LEGAL POLICY AS OF APRIL 2021

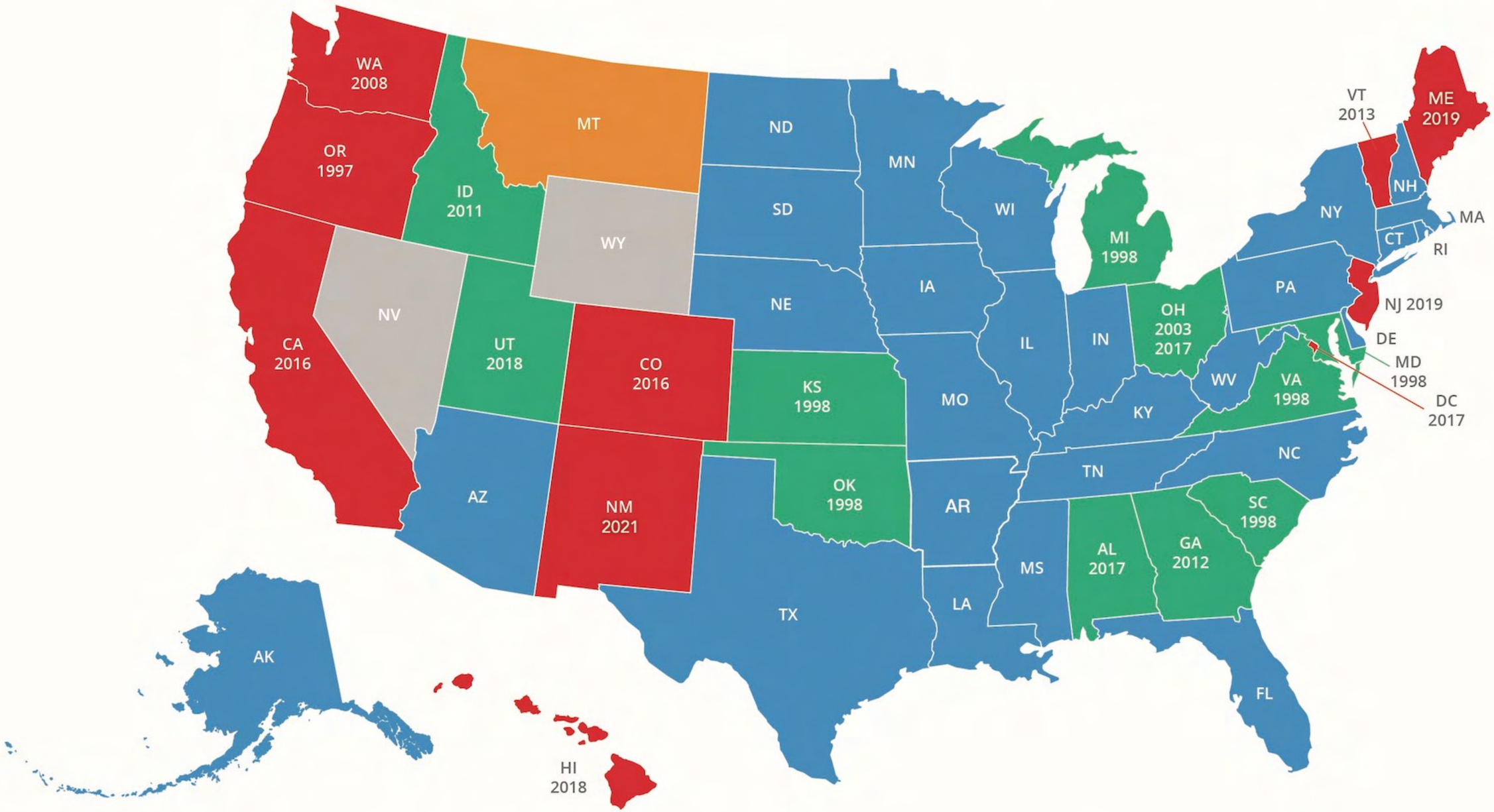
10 Laws allowing PAS to take effect since 1997

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

27 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.