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Assisted Suicide in the States

STATE LAWS AND LEGAL POLICY AS OF FEBRUARY 2026

11 Laws allowing PAS to take effect since 1997

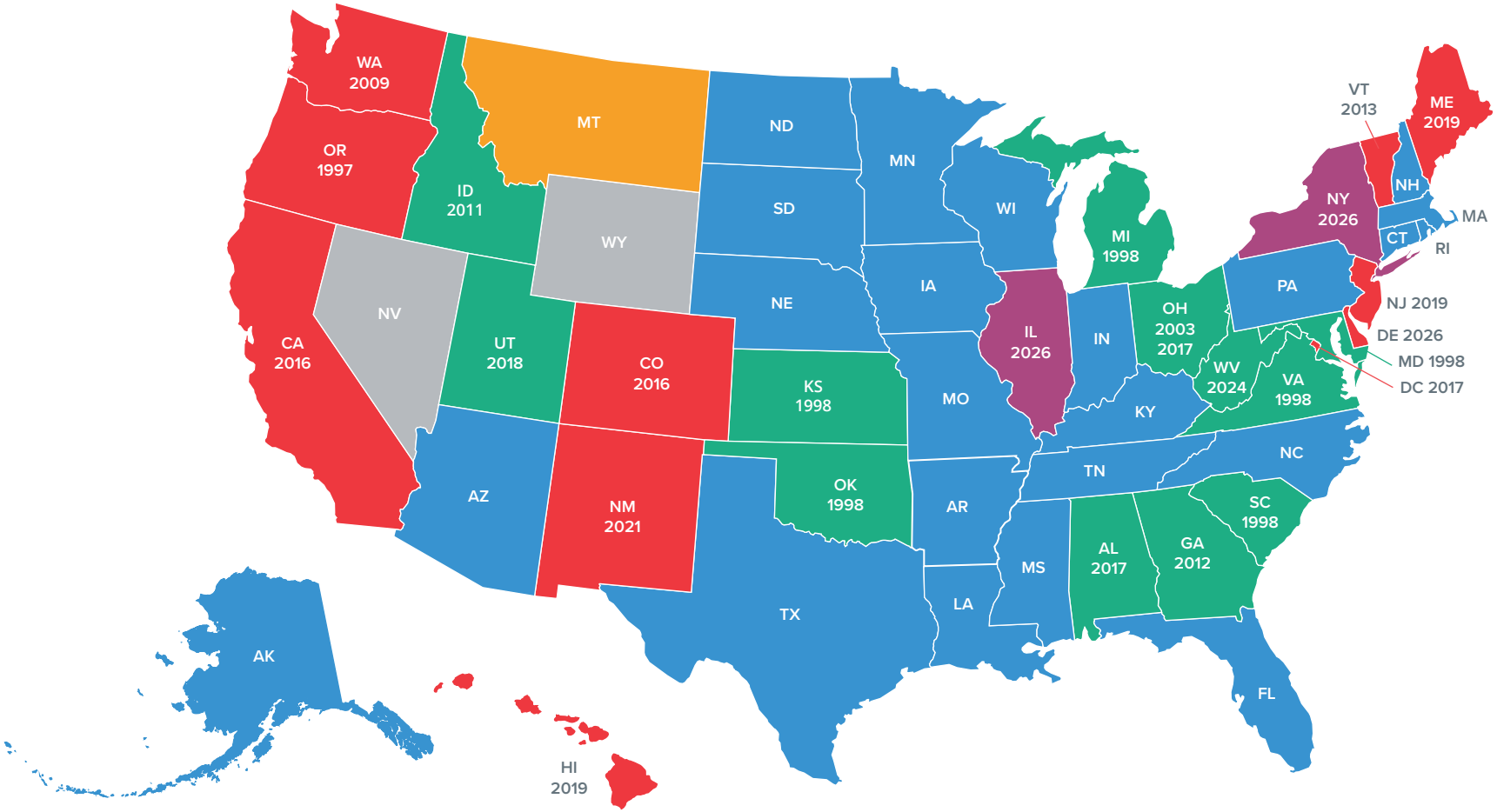
2 Law anticipated to come into effect in the year shown

1 Court decision that allows PAS in practice

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

23 Pre-1997 bans on assisted suicide still in effect

2 No clear policy by statute or common law



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

West Virginia voters have amended their state constitution to prohibit assisted 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.