

Assisted Suicide in the States

STATE LAWS AND LEGAL POLICY AS OF APRIL 2021

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Laws allowing PAS
to take effect since 1997

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New laws against
assisted suicide
(including PAS)
since 1997

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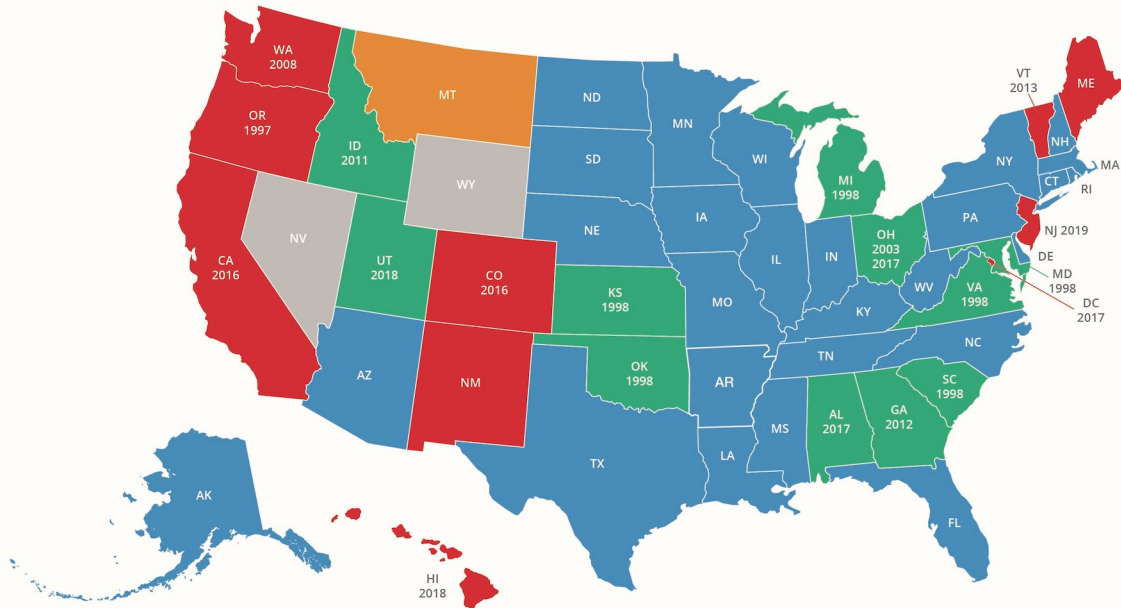
Pre-1997 bans on
assisted suicide
still in effect

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Court decision
that may allow PAS
in practice

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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.