

HIV CRIMINALIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES

AN OVERVIEW OF THE VARIETY AND PREVALENCE OF LAWS USED TO PROSECUTE AND PUNISH PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV (PLHIV) IN THE US.

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6 STATES MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION AS A SEX OFFENDER as part of the punishment under HIV-specific laws

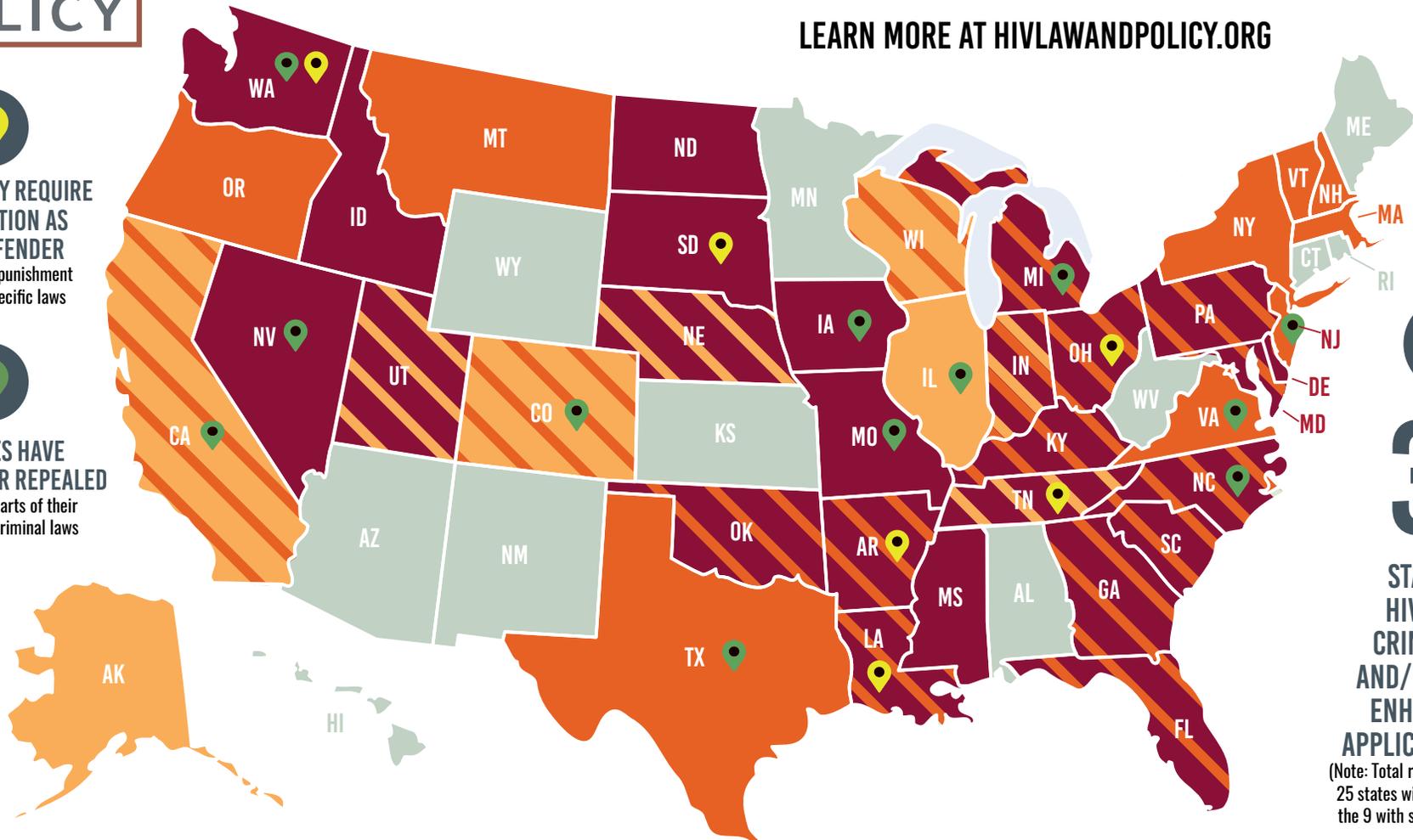


12 STATES HAVE REFORMED OR REPEALED one or more parts of their HIV-specific criminal laws



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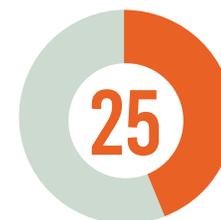
STATES HAVE HIV-SPECIFIC CRIMINAL LAWS AND/OR SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS APPLICABLE TO PLHIV
(Note: Total reflects overlap among the 25 states with HIV-specific laws and the 9 with sentence enhancements.)



STATES WITH HIV-SPECIFIC CRIMINAL LAWS
including laws targeting sex/non-disclosure, exposure to bodily fluids, needle-sharing, sex work, and blood/organ/semen donation



STATES WITH SENTENCING ENHANCEMENTS
applicable to PLHIV who commit an underlying sexual assault crime.



STATES THAT HAVE PROSECUTED PLHIV UNDER NON-HIV-SPECIFIC, GENERAL CRIMINAL LAWS
This number represents states with reported charges and/or convictions for non-HIV-specific offenses, where positive HIV status was relevant in establishing a (non-HIV-specific) element of the offense.