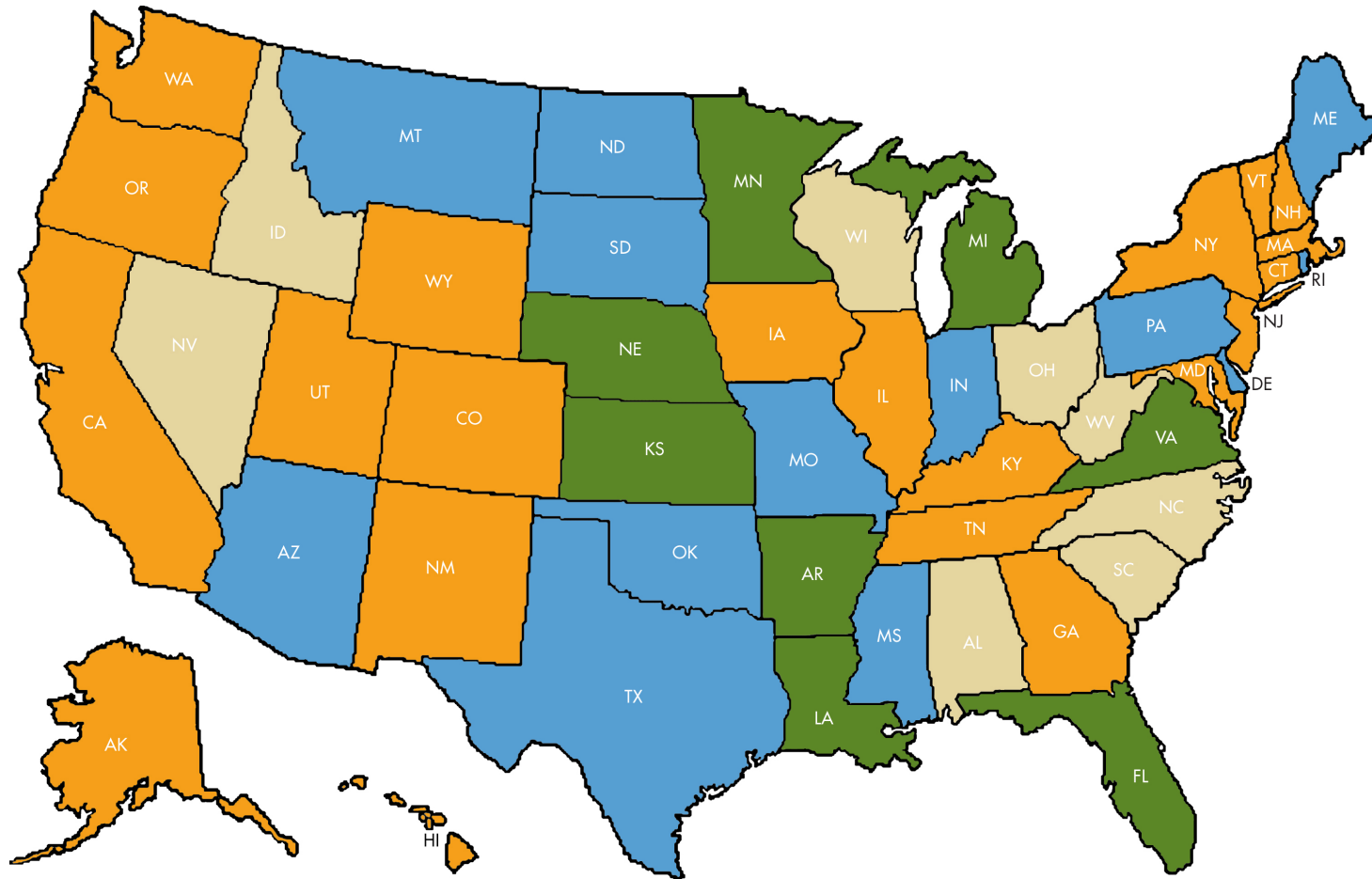




Summary of State Laws Relating to the Private Possession of Exotic Animals



21 states have a ban on private ownership of exotic animals — at least large cats (some of them ban all wild cats), wolves, bears, reptiles and most non-human primates: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wyoming

13 states require the “owner” of the exotic animal to obtain a license or permit from the relevant state agency to privately possess the animal (excludes states only requiring import permits): Arizona, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas

8 states have a partial ban on private ownership of exotic animals — allowing ownership of some exotic animals but precluding others: Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Virginia

8 states have no license or permit requirements, but may regulate some aspect thereof (entry permit, veterinary certificate, etc.) or have no state statute governing this issue: Alabama, Idaho, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin