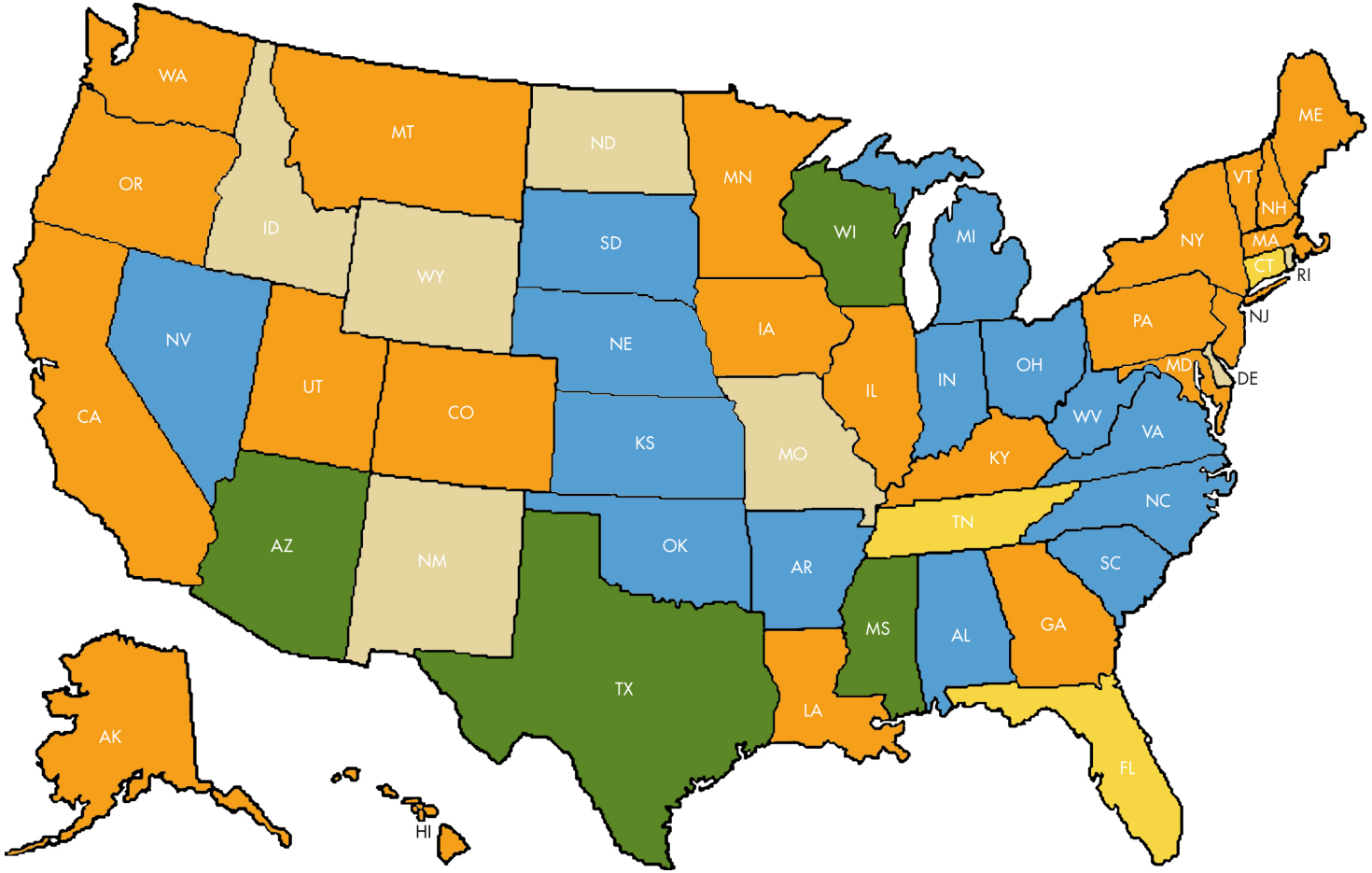
Summary of State Laws Relating to Private Possession of Primates



22 states have a ban on private ownership of non-human primates: Alaska, California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont, Washington

3 states have a partial ban on private ownership of some non-human primates: Connecticut, Florida, Tennessee

7 states require a permit or registration to possess non-human primates as pets: Delaware, Idaho, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Wyoming

4 states require a permit to possess some non-human primates as pets, while allowing others without a permit: Arizona, Mississippi, Texas, Wisconsin

14 states allow non-human primates as pets: Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia, West Virginia,

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