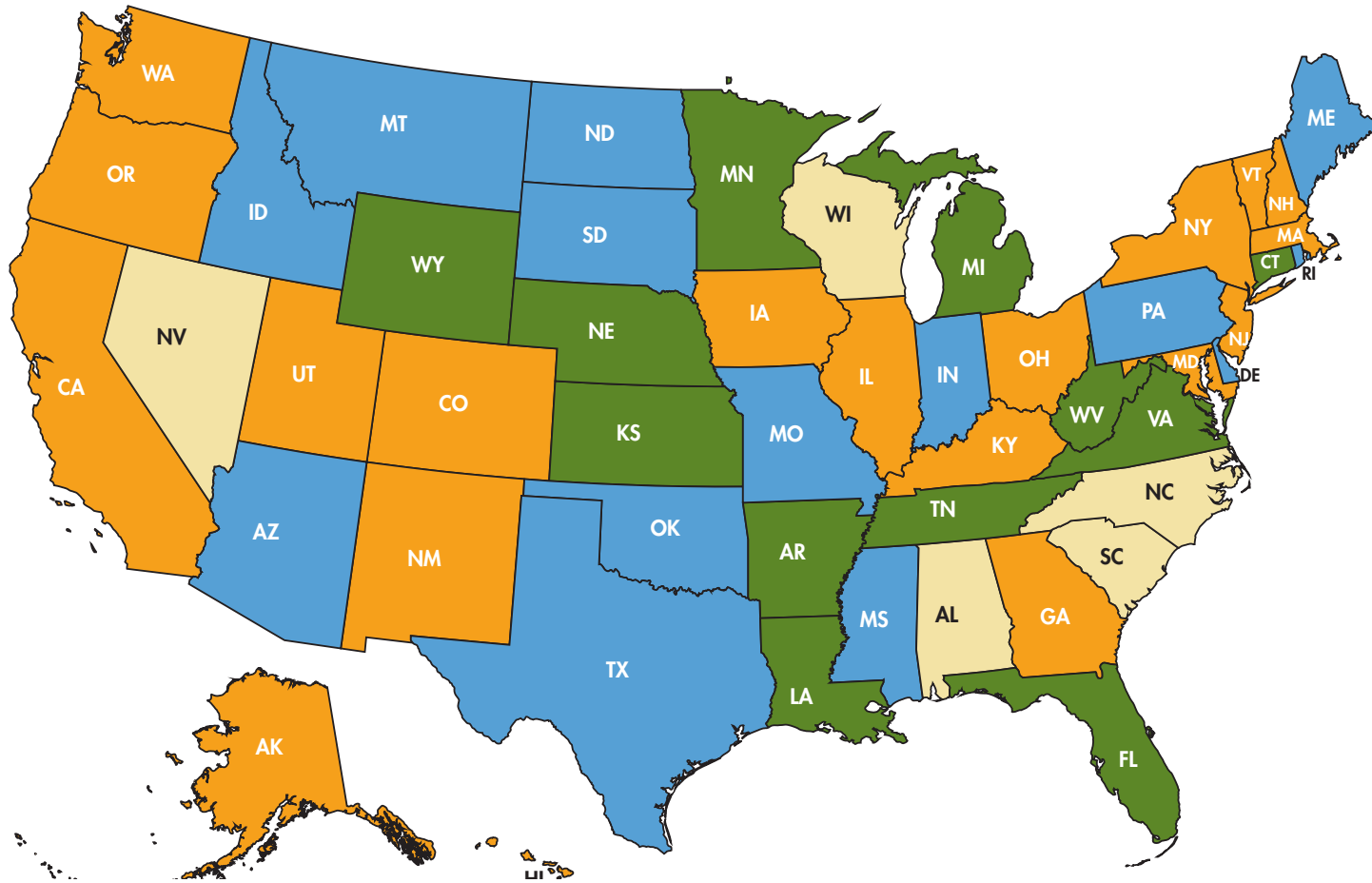




# Summary of State Laws Relating to the Private Possession of Exotic Animals



**19 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 nonhuman primates: Alaska, California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Washington

**14 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, Idaho, Indiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas

**12 states** have a partial ban on private ownership of exotic animals — allowing ownership of some exotic animals but precluding others: Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming

**5 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, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, Wisconsin