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AN OVERVIEW OF STATES CRIMINALIZING VIRAL HEPATITIS

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12 STATES have laws that criminalize viral hepatitis.
All 12 of these states also criminalize HIV.

STATES THAT SPECIFICALLY CRIMINALIZE:

- Sex
- Needle Sharing
- Bodily Fluid Exposure

States with laws written broadly enough so that people living with viral hepatitis could be arrested for sex, needle sharing or bodily fluid exposure

TYPE OF HEPATITIS CRIMINALIZED:

- Hepatitis B and C
- Hepatitis B
- General/Unspecified

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