

PUNISHMENT IS NOT A PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY

AN OVERVIEW OF STATES CRIMINALIZING VIRAL HEPATITIS

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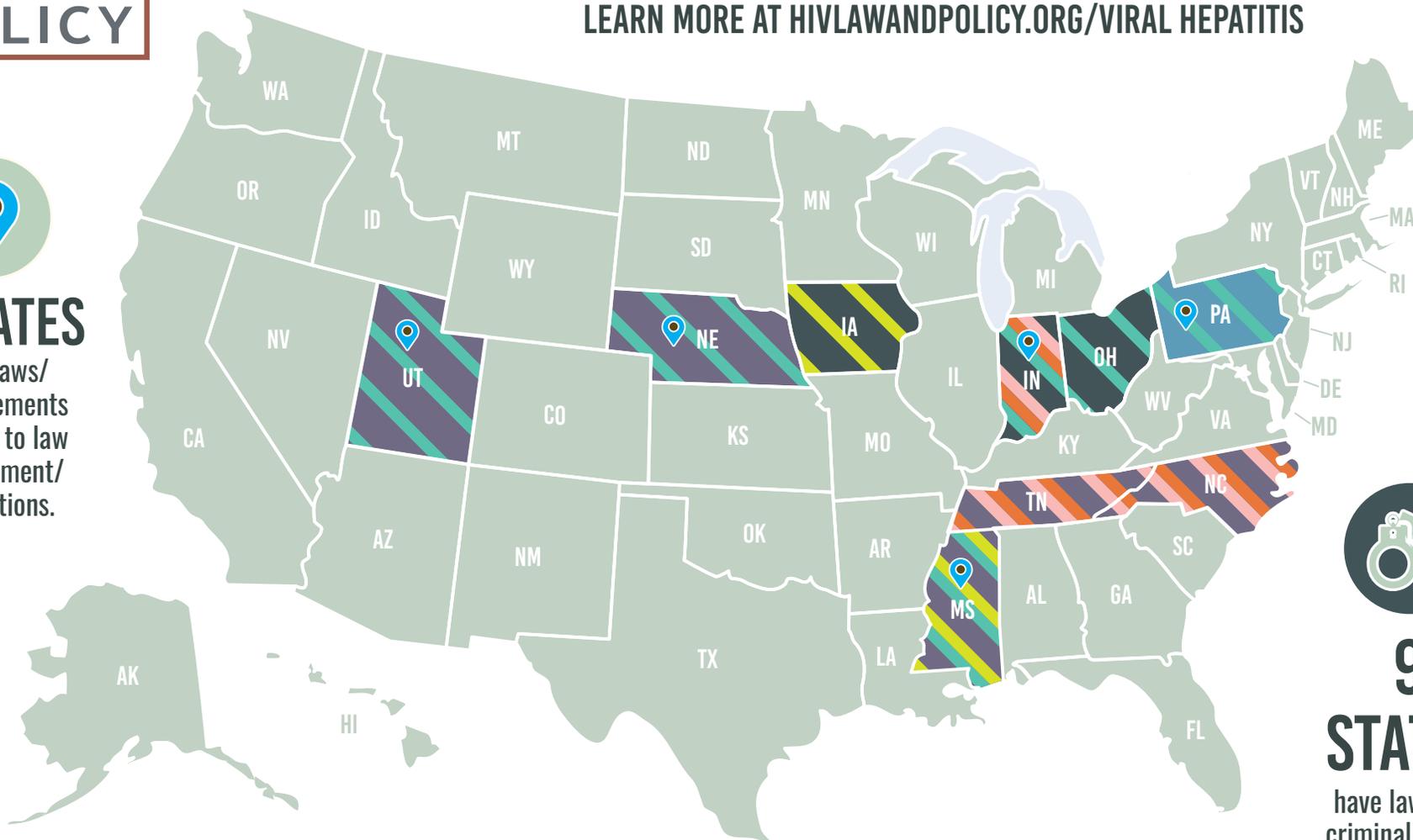
5 STATES

have laws/
enhancements
specific to law
enforcement/
corrections.



9 STATES

have laws that
criminalize viral
hepatitis.
All 9 also
criminalize HIV.



TYPE OF HEPATITIS CRIMINALIZED:

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

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.