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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:
- Gray: Hepatitis B and C
- Blue: Hepatitis B
- Black: General/Unspecified

STATES THAT SPECIFICALLY CRIMINALIZE:
- Red: Sex
- Pink: Needle Sharing
- Green: Bodily Fluid Exposure
- Yellow: States with laws written broadly enough so that people living with viral hepatitis could be arrested for sex, needle sharing or bodily fluid exposure.

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