State Criminal Laws Prohibiting the Sexual Abuse of Individuals by Law Enforcement

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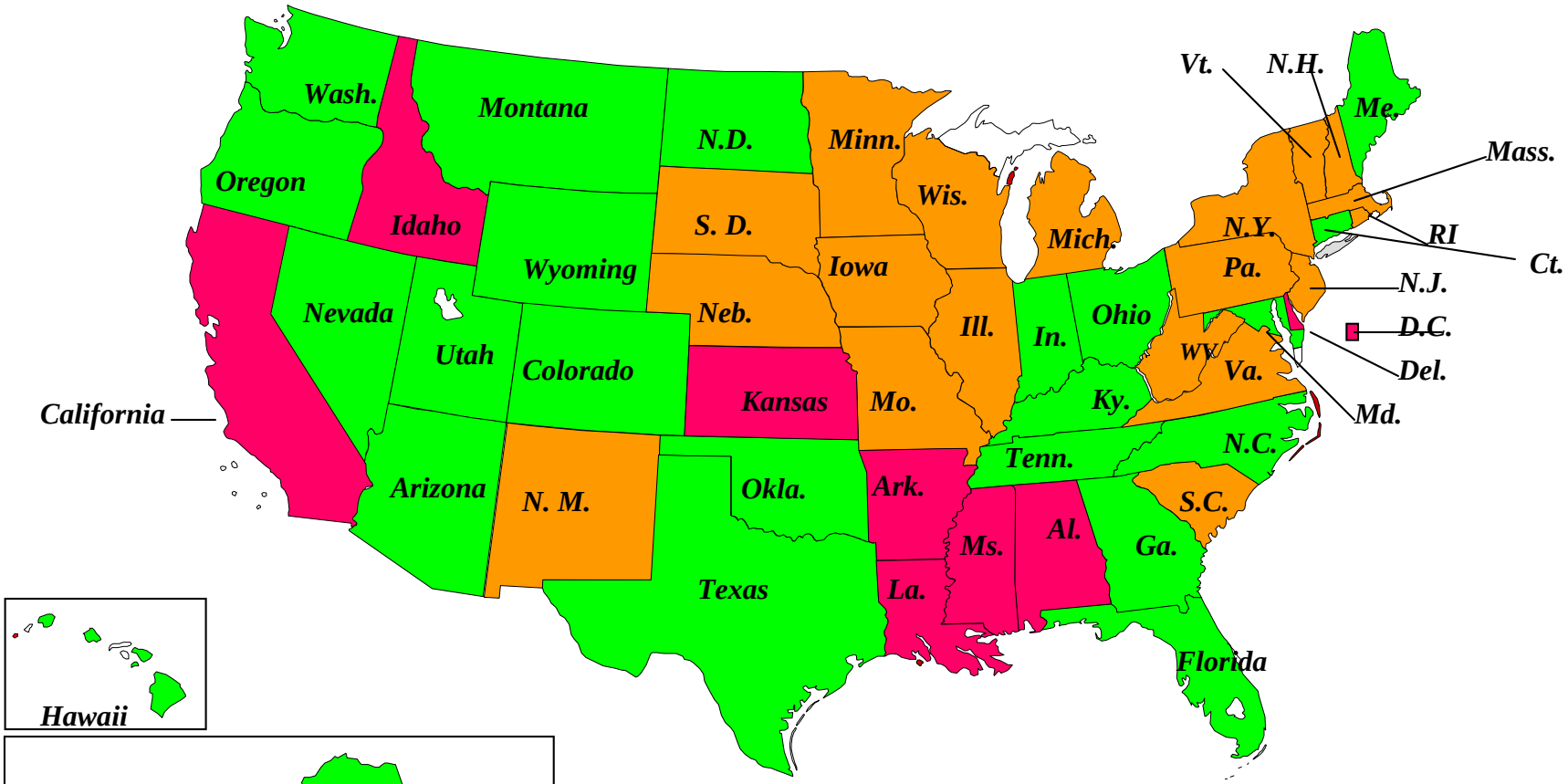
Source: The NIC/WCL Project on Addressing Prison Rape 50 State Survey of State Criminal Laws Prohibiting the Sexual Abuse of Individuals in Custody (Current as of February 2008)



The Federal Law covers all U.S. Territories including: Guam, The Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and The Virgin Islands

NOTE: When the map indicates that a particular personnel or setting is covered under the law, either the words themselves (law enforcement or arrest) appear in the statute or a cross-referenced statute, or the law can be reasonably interpreted to cover those settings and/ or personnel

- Sexual abuse of individuals by law enforcement **AND** under arrest **ARE** covered by SSM law
- Sexual abuse of individuals by law enforcement **AND** under arrest **ARE NOT** covered by SSM law
- SSM law covers only law enforcement officers and **NOT** arrest