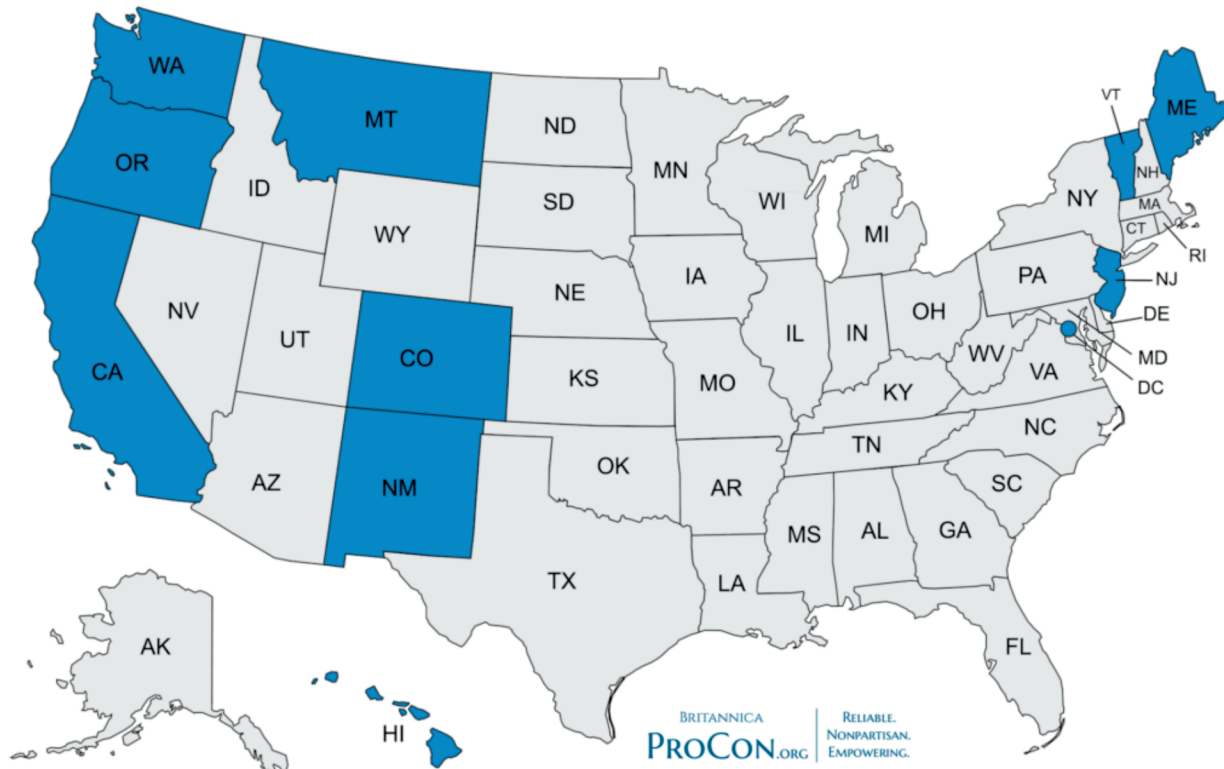


Physician Assisted Suicide - Coming to a State Near You

A May 2018 Gallup Poll indicated that 72% of Americans believe in allowing doctors to "end the patient's life by some painless means." However, when described as doctors "helping a patient commit suicide," that number drops to 65%. Words are incredibly important when it comes to teaching and preaching.

Messages about Physician Assisted Suicide are spun into lies like "medical aid in dying," "compassionate relief of suffering," or "death with dignity." They craft wording to define away reality, and to circumvent laws protecting citizens from assisted suicide, euthanasia and mercy killing. And, many in our LCMS congregations are hearing and believing these twisted and deceitful messages.

States and DC with Legal Medical Aid in Dying (MAID)



Map & Info Below From ProCon.org: euthanasia.procon.org/states-with-legal-physician-assisted-suicide

10 States and DC Have Medical Aid in Dying (MAID)

- 9 states (CA, CO, HI, ME, NJ, NM, OR, VT, and WA) and DC legalized Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) via legislation
- 1 state (MT) has legal Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) via court ruling

40 States Consider Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) Illegal

- 33 states have laws prohibiting Medical Aid in Dying (MAID)
- 3 states (AL, MA, and WV) prohibit Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) by common law
- 4 states (NV, NC, UT, and WY) have no specific laws regarding Medical Aid in Dying (MAID), may not recognize common law, or are otherwise unclear on the legality of Medical Aid in Dying (MAID)

0 Federal Laws on Euthanasia and Medical Aid in Dying (MAID)

- The federal government and all 50 states prohibit euthanasia under general homicide laws. The federal government does not have Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) laws. Those laws are generally handled at the state level.