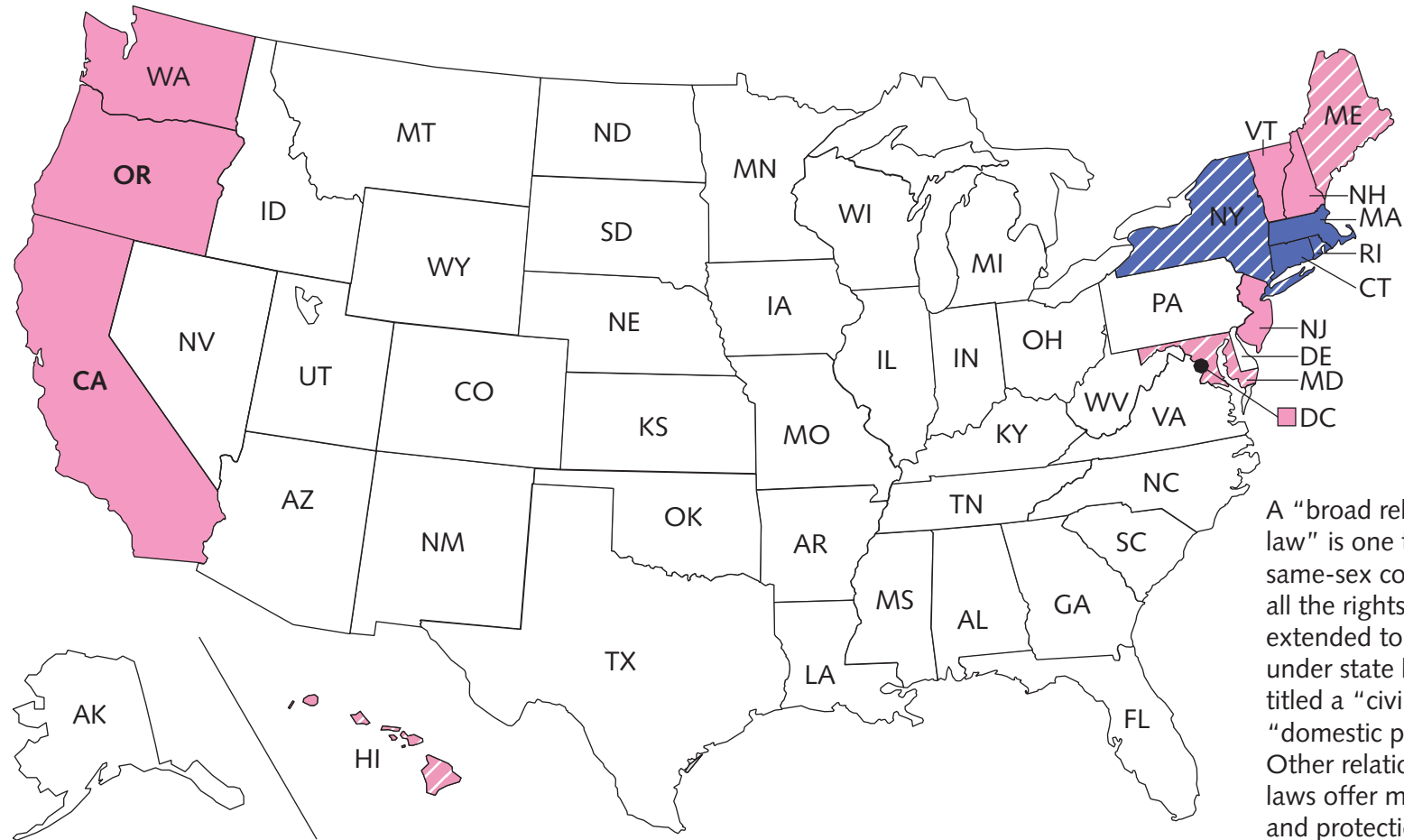


Relationship Recognition for Same-Sex Couples in the U.S.

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A "broad relationship recognition law" is one that extends to same-sex couples all or nearly all the rights and responsibilities extended to married couples under state law, whether titled a "civil union" or "domestic partnership" law. Other relationship recognition laws offer more limited rights and protections.

States with full marriage equality
Massachusetts (2004); Connecticut (2008)

States with broad relationship recognition laws
civil unions: Vermont (2000); California (2005); New Jersey (2006); New Hampshire (2007)
domestic partnerships: Oregon (2007); Washington (2008); District of Columbia (2008)

States which recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states
Rhode Island (2007); New York (2008)

States with limited relationship recognition laws
domestic partnerships: Maine (2004); Maryland (2008)
reciprocal beneficiaries: Hawai'i (1997)

