

ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS: THE STATE OF STATE POLICY

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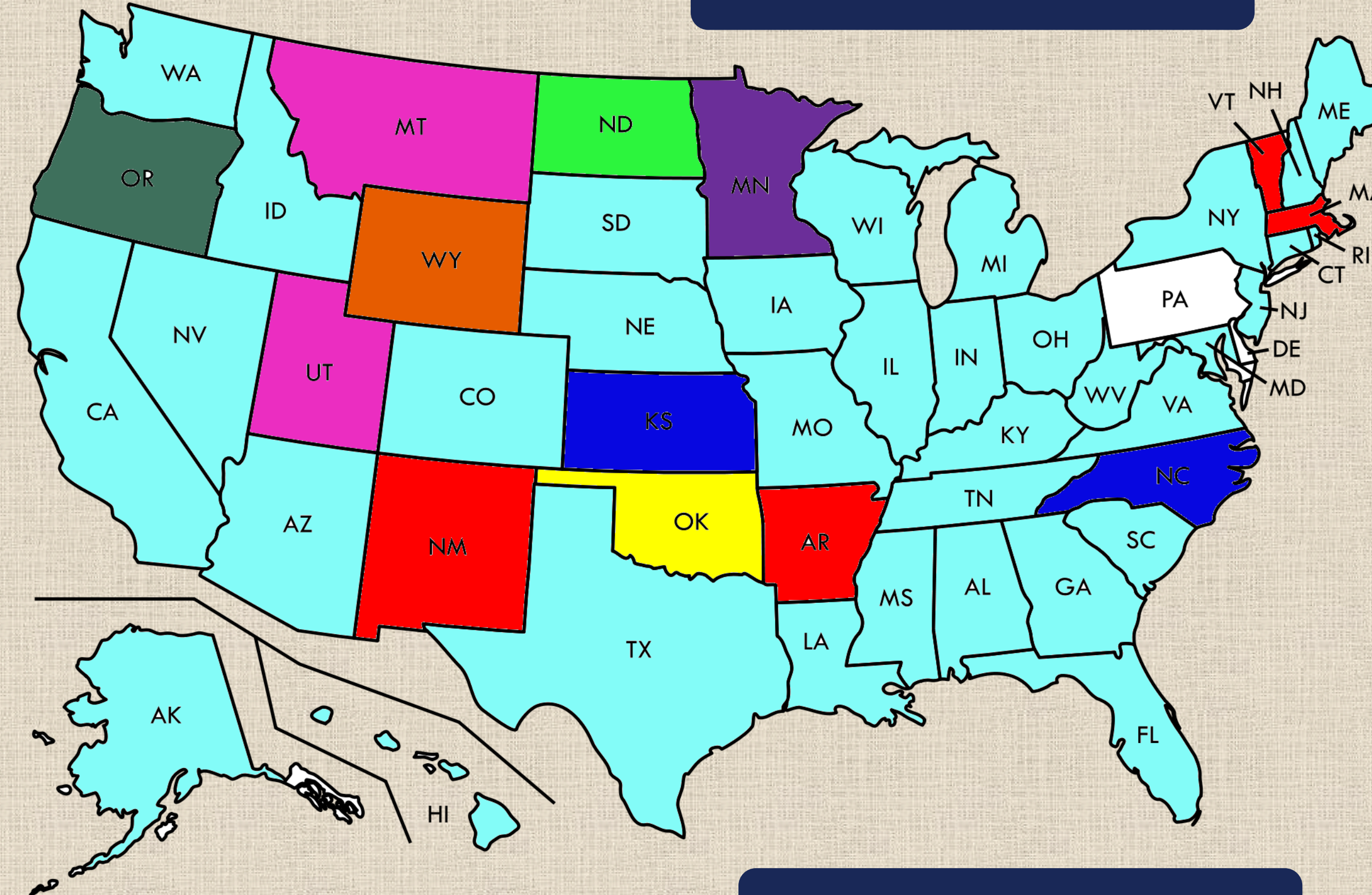
INTRODUCTION

- In 2014, more U.S. high school students used e-cigarettes than traditional cigarettes (13.4% vs. 9.2%), making age restrictions an important public health issue
- In the absence of federal legislation and implementation of recommendations proposed by the FDA, many states have taken action
- We aimed to identify and categorize existing legislation across all 50 states

METHODS

- Used the database maintained by the National Conference on State Legislatures to identify pertinent state legislation
- Hand-searched text of all relevant legislative bills available through each state's online database
- Categorized legislative action based on specific type of regulatory category: definition, youth access, marketing, taxation, clean air, childproof capping

RESULTS



DISCUSSION

- Forty-nine states have passed legislation aimed at curbing the sale of ENDS to minors
- Variation among state laws suggests a potential role for federal oversight alongside state action
- Health professionals should be aware of the variation among state laws and potential value in adapting outdated policies to include ENDS

