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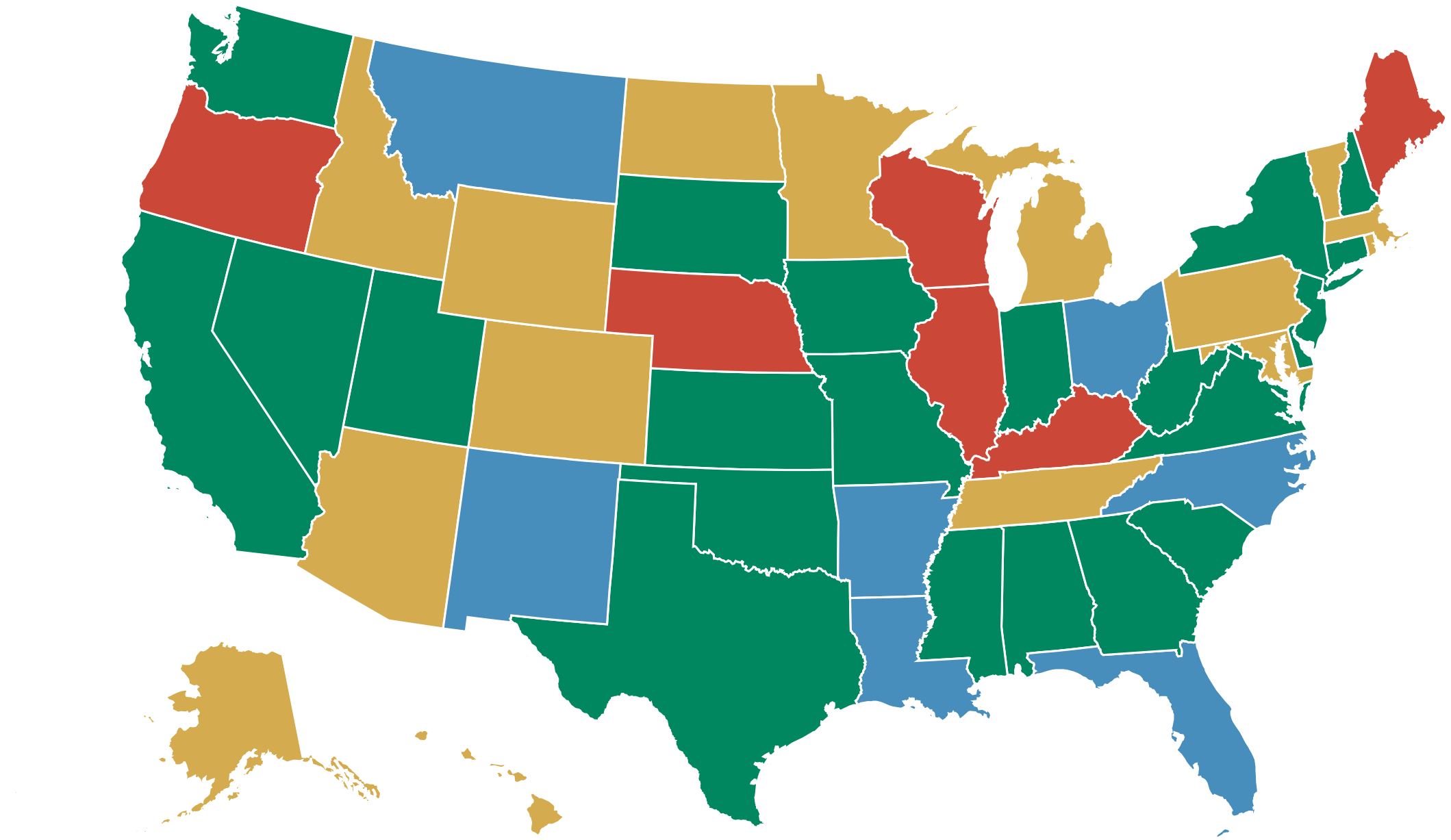
Recovery Agent Licensing by State

Which states require a separate license to apprehend a bail fugitive.



22 Separate recovery license required

7 Covered by the bail agent license

15 No specific recovery license

7 No commercial bail

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From Bail Bonds Magazine's recovery and forfeiture reference, reviewed 2026-11-01. “No specific license” does not mean anything goes: general criminal, trespass, weapons and private-investigator laws still apply, and many states limit who may make an arrest. Some entries have medium or low confidence. Confirm with the state regulator before working a case. Not legal advice.

Sources: Each state's recovery-agent statute or regulator, incl. Cal. Ins. Code § 1800(b) and the California Department of Insurance; full list at the page link below.

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