LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER PROJECT

RELATIONSHIP RECOGNITION

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Washington, DC

Same-sex marriage

Recognizes out-of-state same-sex marriages

Comprehensive domestic partnerships or civil unions, granting same rights as marriage

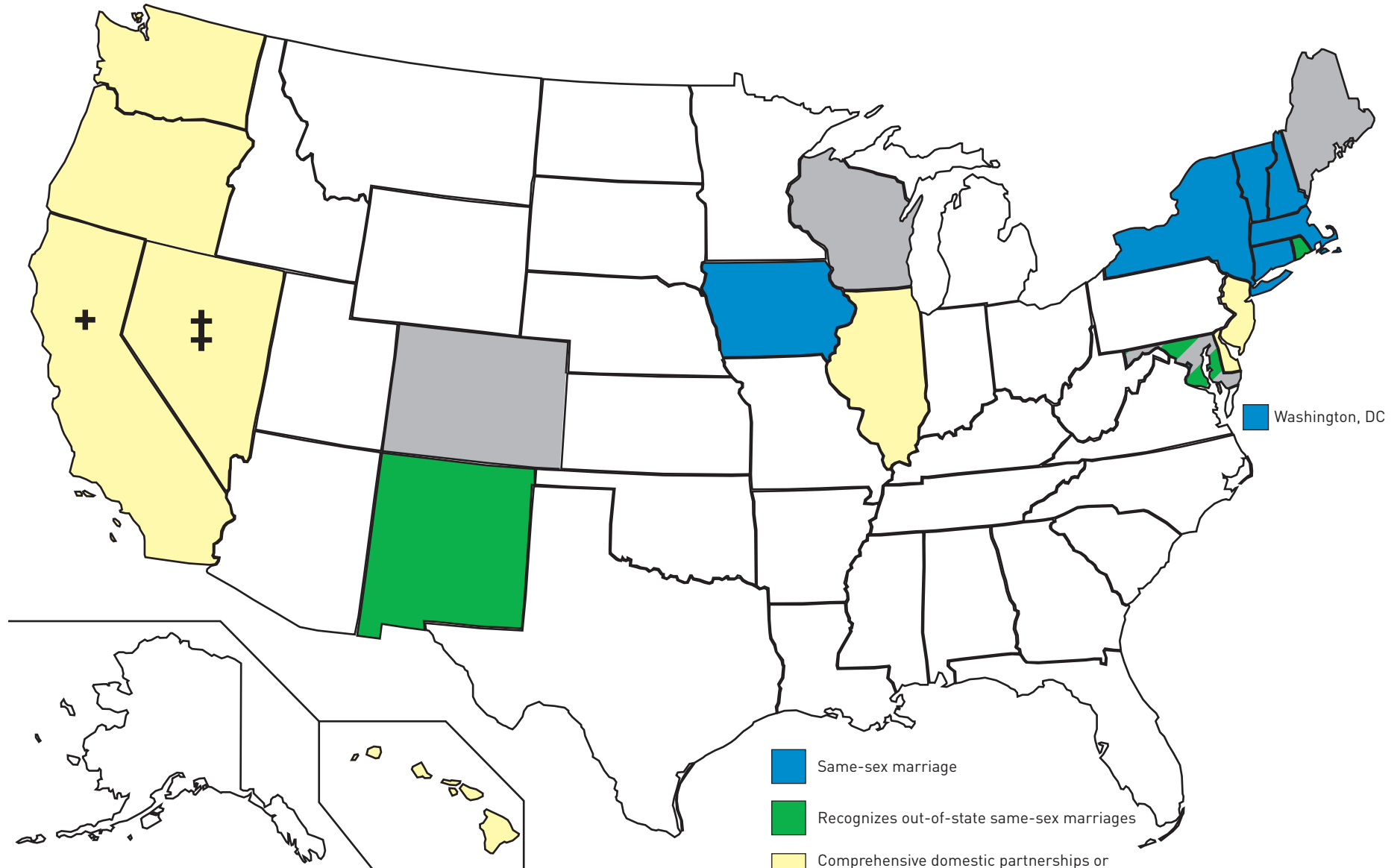Partial relationship recognition grants only some of the same rights as marriage

No state-level recognition

Authorities in Rhode Island have issued conflicting opinions as to whether marriages of same-sex couples from other jurisdictions are recognized. Same-sex marriage bill will go into effect in New York thirty days after it is signed by Governor Cuomo.

+ California recognizes same-sex marriages entered into prior to November 5, 2008. ‡ Nevada domestic partnerships carry the rights and responsibilities of marriage, except that employers are exempt from providing health insurance to domestic partners in the same manner as they do spouses.