AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

State Laws on the Regulation of Specific Dog Breeds

I. States that have non-breed-specific laws and preemptive clauses which prohibit local governments from passing breed-specific legislation (19):

Arizona
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Illinois
Maine
Massachusetts
Minnesota
Nevada
New Jersey
New York
Oklahoma
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Dakota
Texas
Utah
Virginia

II. Allows local governments to enact only breed-specific mandatory spay/neuter (1):
California

III. Allows local governments to pass BSL, but only if exemption is made for CGC or similar certification (1):
Washington *(Effective January 1, 2020)*

IV. States that had breed-specific laws (1):
Ohio *(Repeal effective as of May 22, 2012)*

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