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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2019-150A

Kim Glazier, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Nursing
2915 N. Classen Blvd., Ste. 524
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

March 14, 2019

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing intends to take pursuant to an agreed order in case 5.041.19. The licensee practiced without an active license from October 1, 2017 through September 23, 2018. On November 19, 2018, the licensee submitted an application for reinstatement. The Board proposes to grant the application, but require the licensee to complete a remedial education course and pay an administrative penalty of \$1,600.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to “impose a corrective action” when a nurse “violates the act or a rule” promulgated by the Board. 59 O.S.Supp.2018, § 567.8a(A). Oklahoma law prohibits the practice of nursing without licensure by the Board. *Id.* § 567.14(A). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State’s policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring nurses adhere to all rules and orders of the Board.

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