



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2019-48A

Russell Laverty, OD, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Examiners in Optometry
2008 Post Rd., Ste. 200
Midwest City, Oklahoma 73130

February 20, 2019

Dear Executive Director Laverty:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Board of Examiners in Optometry intends to take with respect to licensees listed on Exhibit A. The proposed action is to place the licensees on inactive status per the licensees' requests.

Oklahoma law authorizes the Board to regulate the practice of optometry and issue regulations governing the profession. 59 O.S.2011, § 583. Under the Board's rules, a licensee may be placed on inactive status at the request of the licensee. OAC 505:10-7-4(a). Inactive status prohibits the licensee from practicing optometry but also relieves the licensee of the obligation to pay fees or undertake continuing education. OAC 505:10-7-4(a), (b). Given licensees' requests to be placed on inactive status, the Board may reasonably do so.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Board of Examiners in Optometry has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma's policy to ensure the provision of visual care in an ethical, professional manner.

MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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EXHIBIT A

INITIALS	LICENSE NO.
G.A.	2914
V.A.	2915
D.B.	2878
U.E.	2846
J.E.	2885
A.F.	2776
M.G.	1046
G.G.	2128
T.J.H.	859
J.C.H.	2565
L.J.	829
G.M.	654
J.M.	2741
S.N.	2946
S.O.	2947
M.P.	2540
J.R.	2707
G.R.	822
T.S.	2080
M.S.	2909
M.S.	2956
H.W.	840