



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2019-82A

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

February 26, 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 in case 10.022.19. The licensee seeks to endorse her RN license in Oklahoma. Previously, the license was disciplined by the Ohio Board of Nursing for behavior exhibiting mental health issues. The Board offered the applicant an agreed SSO, but the applicant declined. The Board proposes to deny the application.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to deny an application for licensure when an applicant “[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct” or “[h]as had disciplinary actions taken against the individual's . . . license . . . in this or any state, territory or country.” 59 O.S.Supp.2018, § 567.8(B)(7), (10). 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 meet minimum standards of professional conduct.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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AMANDA OTIS
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