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

February 27, 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 3.120.19. The licensee was previously disciplined by the Board (*See* A.G. Opin. 2018-225A). The order issued at that time suspended the license and required the licensee to submit to an evaluation and drug screens. In August 2018, the licensee failed to submit to a required body fluid test. The licensee has now submitted the evaluation. The Board proposes to accept the evaluation, lift the suspension, and extend the required drug screens for an additional three months.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes disciplinary actions when nurses are “guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined in the rules of the Board” or “[v]iolat[e] a rule promulgated by the Board, an order of the Board, or a state or federal law relating to the practice of . . . nursing[.]” 59 O.S.Supp.2018, § 567.8(A), (B)(9). 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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