



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2019-92A

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 pursuant to an agreed order in case 3.131.19. In 2015, the licensee pled no contest to one misdemeanor. In August 2018, the licensee reportedly smelled of alcohol and admitted to drinking before the shift. The Board proposes to issue a severe reprimand and require the licensee to submit an evaluation to the Board, complete twice monthly drug screens for 12 months, complete a remedial education course, and pay an administrative penalty of \$500.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse “[i]s guilty of a felony, or any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any licensee” or “[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined in the rules of the Board.” 59 O.S.Supp.2018, § 567.8(B)(2), (7). 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  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL