



**ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2020-12A**

Marty Hendrick, Executive Director
Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy
2920 N Lincoln Blvd, Suite A
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

March 17, 2020

Dear Executive Director Hendrick:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Pharmacy intends to take pursuant to case 1580. In October 2018, the respondent admitted to stealing about \$13,000 from her employer with illegal credit card refunds. The Board proposes to revoke the respondent's pharmacy technician permit.

The Oklahoma Pharmacy Act authorizes the Board to regulate the practice of pharmacy. 59 O.S.Supp.2019, § 353.7. Specifically, "[t]he State Board of Pharmacy may reprimand, place on probation, suspend, revoke permanently and levy fines . . . and take other disciplinary action against any person who . . . conducts himself or herself in a manner likely to lower public esteem for the profession of pharmacy." *Id.* § 353.26(A)(5). The Board may reasonably believe the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Pharmacy has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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