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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

December 1, 2017

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 a consent agreement in case 6.020.18. The licensee failed to disclose several criminal charges on a renewal application. The Board proposes to accept the voluntary surrender of the license. Prior to reinstatement, the licensee must complete an evaluation to be reviewed by the Board, complete education courses, and pay a \$1,000 administrative penalty.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse “[i]s guilty of deceit or material misrepresentation in procuring or attempting to procure . . . a license,” or “[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct.” 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(1)(a), (7). The Board’s rules state that “deceit or material misrepresentation shall include . . . false representation of facts in connection with an application for licensure.” OAC 485:10-11-1(b)(1). Unprofessional conduct includes “falsifying documents submitted to the Board of Nursing.” OAC 485:10-11-1(b)(3)(E). 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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