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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2018-109A

Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary
State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
101 NE 51st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

April 11, 2018

Dear Dr. Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision intends to take with respect to medical licensee MD 18290 in case 17-03-5450. The licensee has been previously disciplined by the Board and now is before the Board on similar complaints relating to the licensee's alcohol addiction. The Board proposes to place the licensee on an indefinite probation. The probation comes with specific terms that the licensee must abide by during the probation.

The Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act authorizes the Board to suspend or revoke a license and order other appropriate sanctions against a licensee for unprofessional conduct, which includes "[d]ishonorable or immoral conduct which is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public," and "[h]abitual intemperance or the habitual use of habit-forming drugs." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, §§ 503, 509(4), (8). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to protect public health and safety.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy of protecting the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of Oklahoma.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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