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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2018-26A

Chelsea O. Church, Executive Director
Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy
2920 N Lincoln Blvd, Suite A
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

January 31, 2018

Dear Executive Director Church:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Pharmacy intends to with pharmacy technicians T-22789 and T-23454. The respondents both stole money from their employers. The Board proposes to revoke both permits.

The Oklahoma Pharmacy Act authorizes the Board to regulate the practice of pharmacy. 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 353.7. Specifically, “[t]he State Board of Pharmacy may . . . [r]evoke permanently or suspend any certificate, license or permit issued pursuant to the [Act] or reprimand or place on probation any holder of a certificate, license, or permit who . . . conducts himself or herself in a manner likely to lower public esteem for the profession of pharmacy.” *Id.* § 353.26(A)(1)(e). Further, the Board’s rules prohibit “[t]heft while working as a registrant.” OAC 535:25-9-7. 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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