



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2018-44A

Kim Glazier, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Nursing
2915 N. Classen Blvd., Ste. 524
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

February 12, 2018

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 in case 3.140.18. The licensee plead guilty to two misdemeanors for which she was sentenced to a one year suspended sentence, among other things. Subsequently, licensee voluntarily entered a treatment center for alcohol addiction. The Board proposes to issue a reprimand, and require license to submit an evaluation for review by the Board, to complete periodic drug screens for 12 months, to complete an education course, and to 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,” “[f]ails to adequately care for patients or to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable nursing” in a way that “unnecessarily exposes a patient or other person to risk of harm,” or “[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct.” 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(2-3), (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 that nurses meet minimum standards of professional conduct.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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