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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2016-44A

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

January 27, 2016

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action to be taken under the auspices of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing pursuant to a consent agreement in Board case 5.002.16. The proposed action is to accept an application to sit for the licensure exam for licensed practical nurses and require an education course in nursing law because the applicant failed to disclose a misdemeanor conviction on the exam application.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2015, §§ 567.1–567.20, authorizes the Board to deny licenses or impose discipline when persons falsify their applications for licensure, 59 O.S.Supp.2015, § 567.8(B)(1)(a).

The Board's application requires the disclosure of all criminal history so that the Board may make an informed decision on licensure of individuals with statutorily relevant criminal histories. These actions seek to enforce the statutory mandate that information on the application be fully truthful and complete. The applicant's failure to disclose a conviction reasonably shows a need for additional education on ethical and legal nursing practice.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has adequate support for the conclusion that these actions advance the State of Oklahoma's policy to protect patient health, safety, and welfare.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA