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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Kim Glazier, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Nursing
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May 9, 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 5.028.16. The licensee failed to report assault and battery charges on the licensee's renewal application. The proposed action is to require payment of a $500 fine along with completion of a course in nursing law.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2015, §§ 567.1–567.20, authorizes "corrective actions" when nurses violate the Act or its implementing administrative rules, *see* 59 O.S.Supp.2015, § 567.8a. The Act prohibits nurses from providing fraudulent information when applying for nursing licenses. *See* 59 O.S.Supp.2015, § 567.8(B)(1)(a). The licensee failed to disclose required information. Additional education and a moderate fine are a reasonable response to adequately 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 of Oklahoma's policy to require full and accurate disclosure of information on licensing applications.

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