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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2015-58A

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

October 15, 2015

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing intends to take in Board case 3.203.16. The proposed action is to impose a severe reprimand, a fine of \$500, and a course in nursing law. The applicant—a licensed practical nurse seeking licensure as a registered nurse—failed to report criminal history on the licensure application and on prior occasions as a licensed practical nurse. Further, the criminal history involves dishonest conduct: one conviction included passing false checks.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2014, §§ 567.1–567.20, authorizes the Board to impose discipline for nurses who apply for licenses with deceit or material misrepresentations, 59 O.S.Supp.2014, § 567.8(B)(1)(a). The action seeks to enforce this straightforward requirement on applicant, already a licensee under a different type of license, by requiring additional education of the applicant and imposing fines.

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 protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA