



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2016-43A

Russell Laverty, OD, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Examiners in Optometry
2008 S. Post Rd., Ste. 200
Midwest City, Oklahoma 73130

January 27, 2016

Dear Executive Director Laverty:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the Board of Examiners in Optometry intends to take with respect to the licensees listed in Appendix A. The proposed action is to place the licensees on inactive status per their requests that the Board do so.

Oklahoma law authorizes the Board to regulate the practice of optometry and issue regulations governing the profession. 59 O.S.2011, § 583. The Board's rules state that a license may be placed on inactive status at the request of the licensee. OAC 505:10-7-4(a). Inactive status prohibits the licensee from practicing optometry but also relieves the licensee of the obligation to pay fees or undertake continuing education. OAC 505:10-7-4(a), (b). Given licensees' request to be placed on inactive status, the Board reasonably did so.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Board of Examiners in Optometry has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma's policy to ensure the provision of visual care in an ethical, professional manner.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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APPENDIX A

DOCTORS	LICENSE #	STATE
John Barnes, Jr., OD	805	Oklahoma
Rebecca Bradford, OD	1120	Texas
Keith Bravenec, OD	2513	Texas
Fred Herrin, OD	878	Oklahoma
Heath Holland, OD	2218	Kansas
Jessica Isenhardt, OD	2782	Oklahoma
Tonya Jackson, OD	1196	Oklahoma
Kirk Kaupke, OD	2814	New York
Jesse Joe McClearn, OD	1031	Oklahoma
Billi Prinzen, OD	2621	Canada
William Reichman, OD	2266	Alaska
Robert Slavin, OD	797	Oklahoma
Faith Smith, OD	2416	Maine
Erin Taylor, OD	2545	Texas
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