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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2016-295A

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

May 9, 2016

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency actions to be taken under the auspices of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing pursuant to consent agreements in Board case 5.038.16 and 5.039.16. The proposed actions are to reinstate the respondent nurses' licenses and require each to complete a course in nursing law. Each licensee failed to renew their license and worked for about two weeks with lapsed licenses. Each has allowed a license to lapse while they continued to work on a past occasion.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2015, §§ 567.1–567.20, prohibits the practice of nursing without a valid license, 59 O.S.Supp.2015, § 567.14(A). The Act elsewhere makes clear that licenses must be renewed every two years. 59 O.S.2011, § 567.7(A). The licensees failed to renew licenses while working, and these actions seek to prevent such conduct in the future through continuing education. Such consequences are reasonable in light of the length of time during which the licensees practiced without a license.

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 requiring licensure of those who practice nursing.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA