

## ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2017-784A

Roy K. Dockum, Executive Director Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission 4334 N.W. Expressway, Suite 183 Oklahoma City, OK 73116 November 8, 2017

Dear Executive Director Dockum:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission intends to take pursuant to consent agreement with licensee 404. The Commission proposes to fine the licensee \$750 for false or misleading advertising.

Oklahoma law authorizes the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission to "impose a fine not to exceed . . . [\$1,000] against a dealer per occurrence" for engaging in "false or misleading advertising." 47 O.S.Supp.2016, § 565(A), (A)(5)(b). New motor vehicle statutes exist to "promote the public interest and the public welfare," "prevent false and misleading advertising," and "prevent unfair practices." 47 O.S.2011, § 561. The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy to prevent false and misleading advertising in the sale of new motor vehicles.

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