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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary
State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
101 NE 51st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

December 1, 2017

Dear Dr. Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision intends to take pursuant to a consent agreement with respect to physician assistant Licensee 2154 in case 13-09-4802. The licensee stole a prescription pad while working through an employment agency in New York, and forged prescriptions. The Board proposes to accept the licensee's Voluntary Surrender of License In Lieu of Prosecution with terms and conditions, including five years' probation.

The Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act authorizes the Board to suspend or revoke a license and order other appropriate sanctions against a licensee for unprofessional conduct, which includes "[d]ishonorable or immoral conduct which is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public," and "[t]he writing of false or fictitious prescriptions for any drugs or narcotics declared by the laws of this state to be controlled or narcotic drugs." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, §§ 503, 509(8), (11). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to protect public health.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy of protecting the health safety and well-being of the citizens of Oklahoma.

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