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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2017-830A

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

December 5, 2017

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing intends to take pursuant to a consent agreement in case 3.113.18. The licensee made several misrepresentations on his application for license renewal regarding past drug and alcohol charges. The Board proposes to issue a severe reprimand and require the licensee to submit to an evaluation to be reviewed by the Board, submit to drug screens twice per month for 12 months, complete education courses, and payment of a \$1,000 administrative penalty.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse “[i]s guilty of deceit or material misrepresentation in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice . . . licensed practical nursing,” “[i]s guilty of a felony, or any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any licensee,” “unnecessarily exposes a patient or other person to risk of harm,” “is guilty of unprofessional conduct,” or “[v]iolate[s] a rule promulgated by the Board.” 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(1)(a), (2), (7), (9). 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 Board of Nursing has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State’s policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring nurses meet minimum standards of professional conduct.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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