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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2017-859A

Chris Ferguson, Executive Director
Oklahoma Funeral Board
3700 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 175
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

December 5, 2017

Dear Executive Director Ferguson:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Funeral Board intends to take pursuant to a consent order with respect to complaint 18-05. The licensee's Missouri license was revoked for fraud and for practicing without a valid Missouri license. The Board proposes to suspend the licensee's funeral director and embalmer licenses for three years and require licensee to pay \$850 in costs.

The Funeral Services Licensing Act authorizes the Board to "refuse to issue or renew, or . . . revoke or suspend, any license or registration for . . . [v]iolation of any of the rules of the Board[.]" 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 396.12c(8). Board rules state that "[t]he suspension or revocation by another state of a license to practice funeral directing and or embalming" is "grounds for the suspension or revocation of any license[.]" OAC 235-10-7-2(16). 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 Funeral Board has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy to uphold the integrity of funeral services contracts and protect the citizens of Oklahoma.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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AMANDA OTIS
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