



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2018-137A

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

April 19, 2018

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 in case 3.029.18. The licensee admitted to sexually assaulting a patient. The licensee voluntarily surrendered the license pending hearing. The Complainant has now requested a continuance. The Board proposes to issue an order of continuance. The license shall remain surrendered pending the hearing.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse “fails to adequately care for patients or to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable nursing” in a way that “unnecessarily exposes a patient or other person to risk of harm,” “is guilty of unprofessional conduct,” “[f]ails to maintain professional boundaries with patients,” or “[e]ngages in sexual misconduct . . . with a current or former patient.” 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(3), (7), (12-13). 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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