

## Office of Attorney General State of Oklahoma

## ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-142A

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 3.222.18. The license was previously placed on suspension and the licensee has now filed an application for reinstatement. The Board proposes to grant the application, but require the licensee to complete 2,000 cumulative hours of supervised practice to be completed in two years and pay investigative costs of \$448.31.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse "[i]s guilty of a felony, or any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any licensee" or "[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(2), (7). 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 that nurses meet minimum standards of professional conduct.

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