



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2018-144A

Beth Kidd, Executive Director  
Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
421 N.W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 180  
Oklahoma City, OK 73103

April 25, 2018

Dear Executive Director Kidd:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Board of Chiropractic Examiners intends to take with respect to Board Complaint 004-2016. From 2007 to 2016, the respondent allegedly practiced animal chiropractic diagnosis without a license or referral from a licensed veterinarian. The Board proposes to assess a penalty of \$6,000.

The Oklahoma Chiropractic Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2017, §§161.1-161.20, authorizes the Board to discipline licensees who “engage in the practice of animal chiropractic diagnosis and treatment” without a certification from the Board. 59 O.S.2011, § 161.2(B). The Board’s rules state that the Board may issue a field citation, which “may contain an assessment of an administrative penalty not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for a first offense and One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a second or subsequent offense.” OAC 140:3-3-9(c). 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 Chiropractic Examiners has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma’s policy to protect public health, safety and welfare by ensuring chiropractic physicians provide adequate care and meet minimum standards of professional conduct.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hunter".

MIKE HUNTER  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Otis".

AMANDA OTIS  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL