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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2018-193A

Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary
State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
101 N.E. 51st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

June 12, 2018

Dear Dr. Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision intends to take in case 17-06-5487. After having been disciplined previously by the Board, the licensee was charged in January of 2017 with DUI. The licensee disclosed this charge on a renewal application. The Board proposes to place the license on permanent probation and impose terms and conditions.

The Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act authorizes the Board to suspend or revoke a license and order other appropriate sanctions against a licensee for unprofessional conduct, which includes “[h]abitual intemperance or the habitual use of habit-forming drugs,” “[c]onviction or confession of a crime involving violation of . . . the laws of this state,” and “[d]ishonorable or immoral conduct which is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public.” 59 O.S.Supp.2017, §§ 503, 509(4), (7), (8). 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 State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State’s policy of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Oklahoma.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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