



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2018-194A

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

June 13, 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 6.037.18. Between 2006 and 2013, the applicant was charged with two misdemeanors and one felony. In November 2017 the applicant submitted an NCLEX-LPN application. The Board proposes to grant the application, but upon licensure, the license will be placed on temporary suspension pending the applicant's acceptance into the Board's Peer Assistance Program.

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." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(2). 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.

MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

RYAN CHAFFIN
CHIEF DEPUTY - ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL