

Office of Attorney General State of Oklahoma

## ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-197A

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

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 3.036.18. The licensee previously entered into an agreed order with the Board that required licensee to submit to an evaluation, among other things. The licensee did not comply with this term, and as a result, the Board suspended the license. The licensee has since submitted an application for reinstatement and has submitted an evaluation. The Board proposes to accept the evaluation and deny the application for reinstatement.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse "[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct," or has "[v]iolated . . . an order of the Board." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(7), (9). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to prevent 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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