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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2018-199A

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 3.148.18. In 2000 and 2006, the licensee was charged with two crimes. The licensee later submitted an NCLEX-LPN application and a rewrite application. The licensee falsified both applications by failing to disclose the previous crimes. Additionally, the licensee failed a drug screening and failed to notify the board of a change of address. The licensee has requested to voluntarily surrender the license. The Board proposes to accept the surrender. Prior to reinstatement the licensee must submit an evaluation for review by the Board, complete remedial education courses and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000. Upon reinstatement, the licensee must submit to drug testing twice monthly for 12 months.

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,” “[f]ails to adequately care for patients or to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable nursing” in a way that “unnecessarily exposes a patient or other person to risk of harm,” or “[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct.” 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(2-3), (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 nurses meet minimum standards of professional conduct.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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