

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-207A

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 pursuant to a consent agreement in case 3.255.18. The licensee was disciplined by both the Delaware Board of Nursing and the Texas Board of Nursing for falsifying application documents. The Board proposes to require the licensee to complete 1440 hours of supervised practice to be completed in one year.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse "[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct" or "[h]as had disciplinary actions taken against the individual's . . . license . . . in this or any state, territory or country." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(7), (10). 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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