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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Kim Glazier, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Nursing
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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 3.267.18. In 2001, the licensee was charged with a misdemeanor. The licensee falsified an NCLEX-RN exam application and later a license renewal application by failing to report the charge. Subsequently, the licensee had a verbal confrontation with a patient, which caused a disruption in the hospital. A week after this event, the licensee again had a verbal altercation at the hospital. The Board proposes to issue a severe reprimand and require the licensee to complete remedial education courses and pay a \$500 administrative penalty.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes disciplinary action when a nurse “is guilty of deceit or material misrepresentation in procuring or attempting to procure” a license, “fails 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,” is “guilty of unprofessional conduct,” or “is guilty of any act that jeopardizes a patient’s life, health or safety.” 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(1)(a), (3), (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 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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