



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2018-211A

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

June 19, 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 3.268.18. In 2016 and 2017, the licensee was twice charged with DUI. The Board proposes to issue a severe reprimand, and require the licensee to submit to an evaluation, submit to twice monthly drug screens for 12 months, complete remedial education courses, and pay a \$500 administrative penalty.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes disciplinary action when a “[i]s guilty of a felony, or any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any licensee . . . or any offense an essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty, or an act of violence, or for any offense involving moral turpitude,” or is “guilty of unprofessional conduct.” 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(1)(a), (2), (7). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed actions are 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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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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RYAN CHAFFIN
DEPUTY CHIEF - ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL