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

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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 pursuant to a consent agreement in case 3.302.18. In 2006 and again in 2012, the licensee entered into two separate orders with the Board for previous misconduct. In 2016, the licensee was charged with one felony and one misdemeanor. In February 2017, the licensee submitted an application for reinstatement after the license had lapsed. The Board proposes to grant the application, but require the licensee to complete 1440 of supervised hours within two years and pay an administrative penalty of \$500. Additionally, the licensee must submit an evaluation to be reviewed by the Board and complete twice monthly drug screenings until the evaluation is complete.

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” or “[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct.” 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(2), (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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