

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-224A

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 3.303.18. The license has lapsed before and now has lapsed again. The licensee submitted an application for reinstatement. The Board proposes to grant the application, but issue a reprimand and require the licensee to complete a remedial education course and pay an administrative penalty of \$2,400.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes disciplinary actions when nurses violate the Act by engaging in "unprofessional conduct as defined in the rules of the Board" or by "[v]iolat[ing] a rule promulgated by the Board . . . or a state or federal law relating to the practice of registered ... nursing[.]" 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(A), (B)(7), (9). 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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