

## ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-226A

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 10.032.18. From 2008 through 2010, the applicant was charged with several misdemeanors. In 2018, the applicant falsified an LPN endorsement application by failing to disclose two of the charges. The Board proposes to grant the application, but issue a severe reprimand and require the applicant to complete a remedial education course and pay an administrative penalty of \$500.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action when a nurse "is guilty of deceit or material misrepresentation in procuring or attempting to procure" a license. 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(1)(a). "Deceit or material misrepresentation" includes any "false representation of facts in connection with an application for licensure." OAC 485:10-11-1(b)(1)(A). 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 that licensure applications are truthful and complete.

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