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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2018-315A

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

August 14, 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 consent agreement in case 3.227.17. As part of an earlier disciplinary action, the licensee entered into a consent order with the Board that required, in part, the licensee to enter and successfully complete the New Mexico Board of Nursing's Diversion Program. *See* AG Opinion 2017-495A. After the licensee failed to enter the program in accordance with the terms of the consent order, the Board revoked the licensee's RN license on September 14, 2017. On November 14, 2017, the licensee was issued a multistate RN license in New Mexico. Pursuant to the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, the multistate license enables the licensee to work as a RN in Oklahoma. The Board now proposes to revoke the licensee's privilege to practice as a RN in Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to revoke a multistate privilege to practice in Oklahoma when a licensee violates the provisions of the Act or a Board rule or order. *See* 59 O.S.Supp.2017, §§ 567.8(A)(1)(c), (B), 567.21; *See also* eNLC Rules § 407. The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to prevent 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
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