



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2018-316A

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 an emergency order of temporary suspension in case 3.283.17. The licensee has been the subject of prior disciplinary action by the Board for violating the Nursing Practice Act and Board rules. *See* AG Opinion 2017-457A. As part of the prior disciplinary action, the licensee entered into a consent order wherein the licensee voluntarily surrendered his/her RN license. The Board has made numerous attempts to serve the licensee with the consent order at the address provided to the Board, but has been unsuccessful. Accordingly, the Board proposes to temporarily suspend the licensee's RN license pending service of the consent order.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to discipline licensees that violate the Act and/or Board rules. 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(A), (B). Board rules specifically provide that a "notice of change of address must be submitted in writing by each licensee within 30 days of the change." OAC 485:10-7-9(c). 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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MIKE HUNTER  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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