

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-327A

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 in case 3.162.18. In January 2018, the licensee entered into an agreed order that required the licensee to be evaluated by a professional to decide whether he/she had predatory or sexual abuse issues and to make recommendations regarding his/her fitness to practice. See AG Opinion 2018-49A. After receipt and review, the Board proposes to accept the evaluation and temporarily suspend the license. After the licensee has successfully completed all of the recommendations contained in the evaluation, the temporary suspension will be lifted and the license will be placed on probation for 1,440 cumulative worked hours to be completed within two years.

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). 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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