

Office of Attorney General State of Oklahoma

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-343A

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

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 against licensee R.H. When the licensee electronically renewed the license, payment of required fees was rejected due to insufficient funds. The Board proposes to issue a notice of the dishonored payment and impending suspension by certified mail, informing the licensee that the renewal application fee plus an additional insufficient funds processing fee must be remitted to the Board.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act requires the Board to "suspend the license or certificate of a person who submits a check, money draft, or similar instrument for payment of a fee which is not honored by the financial institution named," and requires the licensee to pay "the fees and any and all costs associated with notice and collection." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.7(E). The Board action is statutorily required and is, therefore, reasonable in light of the circumstances.

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.

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