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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2017-59A

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

February 10, 2017

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency actions to be taken by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing under a consent agreement in Board case 5.041.17. The applicant is seeking to gain a license by endorsement from another jurisdiction but failed to report a misdemeanor conviction on the application. The proposed action is to grant the application but require completion of a course in nursing jurisprudence. The action also requires the endorsement applicant—who has already been licensed by another jurisdiction and held to professional standards—to pay a \$500 fine.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2016, §§ 567.1–567.20, authorizes “corrective actions” when nurses violate the Act or its implementing administrative rules, *see* 59 O.S.Supp.2016, § 567.8a. The Act prohibits nurses from providing fraudulent information when applying for nursing licenses. *See id.*, § 567.8(B)(1)(a). The licensee failed to disclose required information. Additional education and a moderate fine are reasonable responses to adequately 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 policy of the State of Oklahoma to require full and accurate disclosure of information on licensing applications.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Scott Pruitt", with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

E. SCOTT PRUITT
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA