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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2017-850A

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

December 5, 2017

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 10.003.18. The applicant failed to report two felony charges on an endorsement application and refused the Board's offer of a Stipulations, Settlement and Order to grant the application with conditions. The Board proposes to deny the application.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to use disciplinary action when a nurse "is guilty of deceit or material misrepresentation in procuring or attempting to procure" a license or is "guilty of unprofessional conduct." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(1)(a), (7). Such disciplinary action may include "deny[ing], revoke[ing], or suspend[ing] and licensure to practice as a Registered Nurse" in Oklahoma. *Id.* § 567.8(A)(1)(b). The Board may reasonably believe that the applicant's failure to disclose required information warrants the proposed action.

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 that licensure applications are truthful and complete.

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