

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2017-852A

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 pursuant to a consent agreement in case 10.016.18. The applicant made several misrepresentations on an endorsement application. The Board proposes to grant the endorsement application, but issue a severe reprimand and require the applicant to complete a remedial education course and pay a \$500 administrative penalty.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes 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). 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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