

## Office of Attorney General State of Oklahoma

## ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2017-853A

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 10.018.18. The applicant was convicted of two misdemeanors. The Board proposes to grant the NCLEX-RN exam application, but issue a reprimand and require the applicant to complete a remedial education course.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes disciplinary action when a nurse is "guilty of a felony, or any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any licensee." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(2). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action will 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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