

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2025-40A

June 26, 2025

Marty Hendrick, Executive Director Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy 2920 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite A Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Re: Massar, Case No. 2025-1716

Dear Executive Director Hendrick:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding disciplinary action the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") intends to take in the above-referenced case. Respondent holds a pharmacy technician permit issued by the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy.

The Oklahoma Pharmacy Act authorizes the Board to regulate the practice of pharmacy. 59 O.S.Supp.2022, § 353.7. The Board has jurisdiction to hear this matter pursuant to Oklahoma Statute title 59, sections 353.7(12) and 353.26(A). The Board may revoke the license of any person who "[c]onducts himself or herself in a manner likely to lower public esteem for the profession of pharmacy." Id. § 353.26(A)(5). A registrant is required to "conduct business in conformity with all federal, state and municipal laws" and "conduct themselves . . . in a manner that will entitle them to the respect and confidence of the community "OAC 535:25-7-3(a), (b). A registrant violates the rules of registrant conduct when the registrant commits theft while working. OAC 535:25-9-7.

During a hearing on May 7, 2025, the Board found that Respondent was terminated from her employment as a pharmacy technician at Walmart on February 12, 2025, for theft of general merchandise on nine different occasions between January and February 2025, for a total of \$246.37 in unpaid store merchandise. Finding clear and convincing evidence of grounds for discipline under 59 O.S.2021, § 353.26(A)(5), (8), OAC 535:25-7-3(a-b) and OAC 535:25-9-7, the Board proposes to revoke Respondent's permit and assess a fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Respondent shall not request Board approval to apply for reinstatement for a period of at least two (2) years from the date of the Board's Order. The Board may reasonably believe the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

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¹ Registrant is defined as "any holder of registration, certificate, license or permit that is regulated by the Board." OAC 535:25-1-1.1.

proposed action is in accordance with the State's policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

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