

351—6.4(68B) Board advice. Persons subject to the authority of the board under Iowa Code chapter 68B or this chapter may seek advice or guidance from the board concerning the legality of any action or conduct potentially affected by Iowa Code chapter 68B or this chapter.

6.4(1) *Advisory opinion.* A board advisory opinion applies a statute or rule under the board's jurisdiction to a particular factual situation. The procedure for requesting a board opinion is set out in rules 351—1.2(68B) and 351—1.3(68B). Pursuant to Iowa Code section 68B.32A(12), a board opinion, if followed, constitutes a defense to a subsequent complaint or information provided to the board concerning the same facts and circumstances.

6.4(2) *Declaratory order.* Persons may also seek board guidance concerning the application of a statute or rule under the board's jurisdiction to a specific factual situation through the petition for declaratory order procedure set out in 351—Chapter 12.

6.4(3) *Routine administrative advice.* A person may also receive oral or written routine administrative advice from board staff concerning the application of Iowa Code chapter 68B or this chapter. Routine administrative advice is not binding on the board, but may be offered as a defense to a subsequent complaint or information provided to the board concerning the same facts and circumstances.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 68B.32A(12).

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