

## CHAPTER 173

AN ACT concerning violations of certain occupational licensing laws and amending P.L.1987, c.442 and P.L.2007, c.211.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 8 of P.L.1987, c.442 (C.45:14C-12.3) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:14C-12.3 Exclusive licensing procedure.

8. a. On or after the effective date of P.L.1987, c.442 (C.45:14C-12.1 et seq.), a person shall not work as a master plumber or use the title or designation of master plumber unless licensed pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1987, c.442 (C.45:14C-12.1 et seq.).

b. On or after the effective date of P.L.1987, c.442 (C.45:14C-12.1 et seq.), a person, firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity shall not engage in the business of plumbing contracting or advertise in any manner as a plumbing contractor or use the title or designation of plumbing contractor unless authorized to act as a plumbing contractor pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1987, c.442 (C.45:14C-12.1 et seq.).

c. In addition to any penalty authorized pursuant to the provisions of section 12 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-25), any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity that knowingly violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

2. Section 7 of P.L.2007, c.211 (C.45:16A-7) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:16A-7 Licensure required for use of certain titles.

7. a. A person shall not work as a Master HVACR contractor or use the title or designation of "licensed Master HVACR contractor" or "Master HVACR contractor" unless licensed pursuant to the provisions of P.L.2007, c.211 (C.45:16A-1 et seq.).

b. A person, firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity shall not engage in the business of HVACR contracting or advertise in any manner as a Master HVACR contractor or use the title or designation of "licensed Master HVACR contractor" or "Master HVACR contractor" unless authorized to act as a Master HVACR contractor pursuant to the provisions of P.L.2007, c.211 (C.45:16A-1 et seq.).

c. In addition to any penalty authorized pursuant to the provisions of section 12 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-25), any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity that knowingly violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 21, 2017.