

**105.25 Advertising — violations — penalties.**

1. Only a person who is duly licensed pursuant to this chapter may advertise the fact that the person is licensed as a contractor or as a plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, or hydronic professional by the state of Iowa.

2. All written advertisements distributed in this state by a person who is engaged in the business of designing, installing, or repairing plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, or hydronic systems shall include the listing of at least one master license number, as applicable. A master plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, or hydronic professional shall not allow the master's license number to be used in connection with the advertising for more than one person engaged in the business of designing, installing, or repairing plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, or hydronic systems.

3. A person who fraudulently claims to be a licensed contractor or a licensed plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, or hydronic professional pursuant to this chapter, either in writing, cards, signs, circulars, advertisements, or other communications, is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

4. A person who fraudulently lists a contractor or a master plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, or hydronic license number in connection with that person's advertising or falsely displays a contractor or a master plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, or hydronic professional license number is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. In order to be entitled to use a license number of a master plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, or hydronic professional, the master plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, or hydronic professional must be employed by the person in whose name the business of designing, installing, or repairing plumbing or mechanical systems is being conducted.

2007 Acts, ch 198, §25; 2008 Acts, ch 1089, §10, 12; 2009 Acts, ch 151, §25, 34

[SP] Section, as amended by 2009 Acts, ch 151, §25, is applicable on and after July 1, 2009; prior actions taken under section void; 2009 Acts, ch 151, §34