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Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC ADVERTISEMENTS BY
SKILLED TRADESPERSONS AND HOME IMPROVEMENT
CONTRACTORS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-334 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2023*):

4 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection shall [furnish] issue to
5 [each] a qualified applicant a license under this chapter certifying that
6 the holder [thereof] of such license is entitled to engage in the work or
7 occupation for which [the person has been issued a] the department has
8 issued such license, [under this chapter,] and the holder of such license
9 shall carry [it] such license on [his] such holder's person while engaging
10 in such work or occupation. Such license shall be shown to any properly
11 interested person on request. No such license [shall] may be transferred
12 to or used by any person other than the [person] holder to whom [the]
13 such license was issued. [Contractors that fail to] Except for a first
14 violation, the department may fine a contractor, in an amount not to

15 exceed five hundred dollars per violation, if the contractor fails to (1)
16 display [their] (A) such contractor's state license number on [all] any
17 commercial [vehicles] vehicle used in [their] such contractor's business,
18 [and] or (B) in a conspicuous manner on [all advertisements, bid
19 proposals, contracts, invoices and on all stationery] any printed
20 advertisement or listing, bid proposal, contract, invoice or stationary
21 used in [their] such contractor's business, [may be fined not more than
22 five hundred dollars per violation, but shall not be fined for the first
23 violation] or (2) include in any electronic, television or radio
24 advertisement or listing the address of an Internet web site, which is
25 publicly accessible and maintained by such contractor, where any
26 person may view such contractor's state license number. The
27 department shall keep a register in which shall be entered the names of
28 all persons [to whom such] who hold such licenses. [are issued. The]
29 Such register shall be at all times open to public inspection.

30 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 20-427 of the general statutes is
31 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
32 *2023*):

33 (a) Each person engaged in making home improvements shall (1)
34 exhibit [his] such person's certificate of registration upon request by any
35 interested party, (2) state in any advertisement the fact that [he] such
36 person is registered, [and] (3) include [his] such person's registration
37 number in any printed advertisement, and (4) include in any electronic,
38 television or radio advertisement the address of an Internet web site,
39 which is publicly accessible and maintained by such person, where any
40 other person may view such person's registration number.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	20-334(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	20-427(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that a skilled tradesperson or home improvement contractor is not required to disclose such tradesperson's or contractor's license or registration number in an electronic advertisement, but instead is required to include in any such advertisement the address of an Internet web site where a member of the public may view such license or registration number.

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