

Expedited Bill No. 27-25
Concerning: Environmental Sustainability
- Community Choice Aggregation
(CCA) - Established
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President Stewart
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Glass, Friedson, Sayles, Council Vice President Jawando, and
Councilmembers Balcombe, Luedtke, Mink, Katz, and Fani-González

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) establish a community choice aggregator;
- (2) set forth certain requirements of the community choice aggregator's operations; and
- (3) generally amend the law regarding environmental sustainability in electricity supply.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 18A, Environmental Sustainability
Article 8, Community Choice Aggregation
Sections 18A-51, 18A-52, 18A-53, and 18A-54

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Article 8 (Sections 18A-51, 18A-52, 18A-53, and 18A-54) of Chapter**
 2 **18A is added as follows:**

3 **ARTICLE 8. COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION**

4 **18A-51. Definitions.**

5 In this Article, the following words have the meanings indicated:

6 Community Choice Aggregator or CCA has the meaning set forth in Maryland Code
 7 § 1-101 of the Public Utilities Article, as amended.

8 Director means the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection.

9 **18A-52. Established.**

10 (a) There is within the Department of Environmental Protection a
 11 Community Choice Aggregator, as authorized under Maryland Code § 7-
 12 510.3 of the Public Utilities Article, as amended, to promote and facilitate
 13 the provision of clean and renewable energy to residential and small
 14 commercial electric customers within the County.

15 (b) The Director, or their designee, is responsible for all operations and
 16 functions of the CCA.

17 (c) The CCA must have the capacity to serve as the [[electricity supplier]]
 18 electric aggregator for the purpose of negotiating the purchase of electric
 19 generation services from an electricity supplier or from an electric
 20 generating or storage facility, or providing electricity from an electric
 21 generating facility owned by the aggregator for all residential and small
 22 commercial electric customers, all as defined in Maryland Code § 1-101
 23 and § 7-510.3 of the Public Utilities Article, as amended, in the County
 24 and provide to its customers a percentage of renewable content that
 25 exceeds the amount required by the State's renewable energy portfolio
 26 standards, as set forth in [[Maryland Code § 7-703, as amended]] Subtitle

7 of the Public Utilities Article of the Maryland Code, and applicable regulation.

- (d) In its operations, the CCA must prioritize sustainability, cost-efficiency, stability, and predictability in the provision of electricity.

18A-53. Electricity supply procurement.

The purchase of electric service by the CCA or by a contractor purchasing electric service on behalf of the CCA is exempt from Chapter 11B, other than Article XII.

18A-54. Aggregation Plan Notice to County Council.

- (a) Except as provided in Section 18A-54(b), at least 30 days before filing an Aggregation Plan or Aggregation Plan Changes with the Maryland Public Service Commission for approval as required under Maryland Code § 7-510.3 of the Public Utilities Article and Code of Maryland Regulations Sections 20.63.11.02 and 20.63.11.03, the Director must transmit the proposed Aggregation Plan or Aggregation Plan Changes to the County Council.

- (b) If the Director transmits an Aggregation Plan or Aggregation Plan Changes to the County Council between July 15th and August 31st of a calendar year, the Director must not file the Aggregation Plan or Aggregation Plan Changes with the Maryland Public Service Commission until after September 30th of the same year. If the Director transmits an Aggregation Plan or Aggregation Plan Changes to the County Council between November 15th and December 31st of a calendar year, the Director must not file the Aggregation Plan or Aggregation Plan Changes with the Maryland Public Service Commission until after January 31st of the next year.

52 **Sec. 2. Effective Date.** The Council declares that this legislation is necessary
53 for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date
54 on which it becomes law.

Approved:



Kate Stewart, President, County Council

October 21, 2025

Date

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

Date