

*Clerk's note: On line 3, the period following "AGGREGATION" was added and underlined for addition to the code.*

Expedited Bill No. 27-25  
Concerning: Environmental Sustainability  
- Community Choice Aggregation  
(CCA) - Established  
Revised: 10/7/2025 Draft No. 2  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

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**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**

Underlining

**[Single boldface brackets]**

Double underlining

**[[Double boldface brackets]]**

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*Heading or defined term.*

*Added to existing law by original bill.*

*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*

*Added by amendment.*

*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*

*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

*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 15<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> of the same year. If the Director transmits an Aggregation Plan or Aggregation Plan Changes to the County Council between November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

November 3, 2025

Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*



Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

November 3, 2025

Date