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By: **Senator Green**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Retail Electricity Industry - Aggregators - Counties and Municipal**
3 **Corporations**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on a county or municipal corporation
5   from acting as an entity that acts on behalf of a customer to purchase electricity;
6   altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the ability of counties and
7   municipal corporations to act as aggregators in the retail electricity industry.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9   Article - Public Utility Companies
10   Section 1-101(b)
11   Annotated Code of Maryland
12   (1998 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

13 BY repealing
14   Article - Public Utility Companies
15   Section 7-510(f)
16   Annotated Code of Maryland
17   (1998 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

18   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

21 1-101.

22   (b)   (1)   "Aggregator" means an entity, INCLUDING A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL
23 CORPORATION, or an individual that acts on behalf of a customer to purchase
24 electricity.

25   (2)   "Aggregator" does not include:

1   (i)   an entity or individual that purchases electricity for its own use
2 or for the use of its subsidiaries or affiliates;

3   (ii)   a municipal electric utility serving only in its distribution
4 territory; or

5   (iii)   a combination of governmental units that purchases electricity
6 for use by the governmental units.

7 7-510.

8   [(f)   A county or municipal corporation may not act as an aggregator unless the
9 Commission determines there is not sufficient competition within the boundaries of
10 the county or municipal corporation.]

11   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 June 1, 2000.