
By: **Senator Green**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Retail Electric and Gas Industries - Aggregators - Counties and Municipal**
3 **Corporations**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the provision prohibiting a county or municipal
5 corporation from acting as an entity that acts on behalf of a customer to
6 purchase electricity; including counties and municipal corporations in the
7 entities that may act as aggregators for the purchase of electricity or gas; and
8 generally relating to the ability of counties and municipal corporations to act as
9 aggregators in the retail electric and gas industries.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Public Utility Companies

12 Section 1-101(b)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1998 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

15 BY repealing

16 Article - Public Utility Companies

17 Section 7-510(f)

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (1998 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article - Public Utility Companies**

23 1-101.

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

27 (2) "Aggregator" does not include:

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

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

5 (iii) a combination of governmental units that purchases electricity
6 or gas 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, 2001.