

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 24

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Delegate Hubbard” and substitute “Delegates Hubbard, Stern, Barve, Gordon, Conroy, D. Davis, and Krysiak”; in line 2, after “Aggregation” insert “Pilot Program”; in lines 4 and 13, in each instance, after “corporation” insert “located within Prince George’s County or Montgomery County”; in line 6, after “aggregator” insert “for certain customers”; in line 9, after “aggregator;” insert “authorizing a residential or small business customer to withdraw from a county or municipal corporation aggregation program at any time; prohibiting the customer from returning to the aggregation program for a certain period of time; allowing a county to include certain municipal customers only if the municipal corporation does not adopt an aggregation program; providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act;”; and in line 10, after “to” insert “issue a certain order or”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 3, strike “ANOTHER AGGREGATOR” and substitute “AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER OTHER THAN THE STANDARD OFFER SERVICE SUPPLIER”; in line 18, strike “AGGREGATOR” and substitute “ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER”; and in line 28, strike “AGGREGATOR” and substitute “ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER OTHER THAN THE STANDARD OFFER SERVICE SUPPLIER”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 14, after “(1)” insert “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT ACT AS AN AGGREGATOR UNLESS THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT COMPETITION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.”

(2) (1) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

(II)”;

in lines 20, 24, 29, 34, and 37, strike “(2)”, “(3) (I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, and “1.”, respectively, and substitute “(III)”, “(IV) 1.”, “2.”, “3.”, and “A.”, respectively; in line 21, strike “PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION” and substitute “SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH”; in line 25, strike “SUBSECTION” and substitute “PARAGRAPH”; in line 27, after “BOUNDARIES” insert “, OTHER THAN CUSTOMERS OF AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE.”; in line 29, strike “PARAGRAPH” and substitute “SUBPARAGRAPH”; in line 31, after “CUSTOMERS” insert “, OTHER THAN CUSTOMERS OF AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE.”; in line 32, strike “ACTIVITIES” and substitute “PROGRAM”; and in line 34, after “CUSTOMER” insert “, OTHER THAN A CUSTOMER OF AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE.”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “B.”; after line 3, insert:

“(V) 1. A RESIDENTIAL OR SMALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER MAY WITHDRAW FROM THE COUNTY’S OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION’S AGGREGATION PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.

2. A CUSTOMER THAT HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE COUNTY’S OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION’S AGGREGATION PROGRAM MAY NOT RETURN TO THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR AFTER THE CUSTOMER HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE PROGRAM.

(VI) A COUNTY’S AGGREGATION PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE CUSTOMERS LOCATED WITHIN A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ONLY IF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION DOES NOT ADOPT ITS OWN MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM.

(VII) 1. THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT ACTS AS AN AGGREGATOR UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH FROM ACCEPTING RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND THAT REQUEST INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY’S OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION’S AGGREGATION PROGRAM.”;

in line 4, strike “(4)” and substitute “2.”; in the same line, strike “SUBSECTION” and substitute “PARAGRAPH”; in line 6, strike “COUNTY” and substitute “COUNTY’S”; in line 7, strike

“ACTIVITIES” and substitute “PROGRAM”; in line 10, after “shall” insert “issue an order or”; in line 11, after “Act.” insert “If the Commission issues an order that establishes standards and procedures to implement this Act, the Commission is not required to comply with the procedures of Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article.”; and in the same line, strike “adopting these regulations” and substitute “establishing these standards and procedures”.