

# HOUSE BILL 597

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By: Montgomery County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                   **Montgomery County – Community Choice Aggregation Pilot Program –**  
3                   **Alterations**

4                   **MC 17-26**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the beginning and ending dates for the Community Choice  
6 Aggregation Pilot Program; altering the dates on which the Public Service  
7 Commission must submit certain pilot program reports to the Governor and the  
8 General Assembly; and generally relating to the Community Choice Aggregation  
9 Pilot Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11                   Article – Public Utilities  
12                   Section 7-510.3(b) and (c)  
13                   Annotated Code of Maryland  
14                   (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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17                   Section 7-510.3(t) and (u)  
18                   Annotated Code of Maryland  
19                   (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

22                   **Article – Public Utilities**

23                   7-510.3.

24                   (b) This section applies only in Montgomery County.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(c) (1) There is a Community Choice Aggregation Pilot Program.

(2) Beginning December 31, 2023, a county may form a community choice navigator under this section.

(t) (1) The pilot program shall:

(i) begin on the earlier of:

2. April 1, [2024] 2026; and

(ii) end [7] 9 years after the beginning date, but not sooner than

16 (u) (1) At the conclusion of the pilot program described in this section, the  
17 Commission shall study:

(i) the overall costs and benefits of the pilot program;

19 (ii) whether there were any incremental costs borne by standard  
20 offer service customers resulting from the migration of customers between the community  
21 choice aggregator and standard offer service; and

22 (iii) what mechanisms could be implemented to hold standard offer  
23 service customers harmless from any incremental costs borne by standard offer service  
24 customers identified under item (ii) of this paragraph.

25 (2) The Commission shall seek the advice and recommendation of the  
26 Community Choice Energy Workgroup in the study required under this subsection.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 2026.