

HOUSE BILL 597

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By: Montgomery County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Community Choice Aggregation Pilot Program – Alterations

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

21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Utilities

23 7-510.3.

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

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.