Section 7-601 through 7-607 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 6. Natural Gas Supplier Licensing and Consumer Protection"

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 1-101(n) through (nn), respectively, of Article - Public Utility Companies of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 1-101(o) through (bb) and (dd) through (pp), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## **Article - Public Utility Companies**

1-101.

- (b) (1) "Aggregator" means an entity or an individual that acts on behalf of a customer to purchase electricity OR GAS.
  - (2) "Aggregator" does not include:
- (i) an entity or individual that purchases electricity OR GAS for its own use or for the use of its subsidiaries or affiliates;
- (ii) a municipal electric utility OR A MUNICIPAL GAS UTILITY serving only in its distribution territory; or
- (iii) a combination of governmental units that purchases electricity OR GAS for use by the governmental units.
- (c) "Broker" means an entity or individual that acts as an agent or intermediary in the sale and purchase of electricity OR GAS but does not take title to electricity OR GAS.
  - (N) (1) "GAS SUPPLIER" MEANS A PERSON WHO:
    - (I) SELLS:
      - GAS:
      - 2. GAS SUPPLY SERVICES; OR
- 3. COMPETITIVE BILLING SERVICES FOR GAS SUPPLY SERVICES; OR
- (II) PURCHASES, BROKERS, ARRANGES, OR MARKETS GAS OR GAS SUPPLY SERVICES FOR SALE TO A RETAIL GAS CUSTOMER.
- (2) "GAS SUPPLIER" INCLUDES AN AGGREGATOR, A BROKER, AND A MARKETER OF GAS.
  - (3) "GAS SUPPLIER" DOES NOT INCLUDE: