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HB2103 (HD2550) - An Act relative to folic acid awareness and birth defects prevention

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Rep. Vega, Aaron (D)	State Representative MA House of Representatives	Committee on Public Health 6/4/13 - JPH - Public Hearing	It's important the people know about folic acid for pregnant women and children. This bill does a few things like setting a standard for the health amount of folic acid and that there is healthy eating going on. It sends a strong message that we care about women's health. There have been recent studies that suggest a higher dosage even than we recommend in the bill.
Michael Vigneux	State Director March of Dimes	Committee on Public Health 6/4/13 - JPH - Public Hearing	This bill increases public awareness of the important of folic acid. It ensures that the Department of Public Health and health organization promote folic acid awareness. Up to 70% of neural 2 defects can be prevented if women consume 400 mg every day. The March of Dimes advocated for fortifying cereal products in 1998. While awareness is improving, most women still don't know. Only 38% of women take multi-vitamin every day in the month before pregnancy. Minority women and those below poverty are least likely to take vitamins every day.
Dr Marianne Felice	Pediatrician UMass Medical	Committee on Public Health 6/4/13 - JPH - Public Hearing	This is important now because these severe heart disease need to be detected within a few weeks. Years ago, it didn't matter as much because we couldn't fix it. Now, we can. There are other ways to detect it, but an ultrasound is much more expensive. It is difficult because a fetal heart is different from an adults and the infant beat is about 130 beats per minute. What's commonly called a blue baby, you can't see it until its very severe. And babies leave the hospital very quickly. So, please pass this simple inexpensive bill. Don't Maryland out pace us! Garlick: Pulseox is so common. Is there is a barrier to accessibility? Felice: There no barrier but a baby's heart beat is smaller and the physician must be able to interpret it correctly. It's just not routine. That's all. The American Academy of Pediatric has great protocol on how it should be done.

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