**Summary**

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**Detailed Analysis**

**Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day**

The bill designates June 30 as Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day.¹ According to the National Institutes of Health's Gene and Rare Diseases Information Center, arthrogryposis multiplex congenita, or AMC, refers to the development – prior to birth – of multiple joint contractures affecting two or more areas of the body. A contracture occurs when a joint becomes permanently fixed in a bent or straightened position, which may impact the joint's function and range of motion and may lead to muscle atrophy. AMC is not a specific diagnosis, but rather a physical symptom associated with several different medical conditions. It is thought that AMC is related to decreased fetal movement during development, which can have many causes, including environmental factors, single gene changes, chromosomal abnormalities, and various syndromes. Treatment depends on the signs and symptoms found in each person, but may include physical therapy, removable splints, exercise, or surgery.²

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¹ R.C. 5.2514.

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