

## House Resolution 1449

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Composite Medical Board to promulgate regulations which establish  
2 medically accepted standards of patient care in office based surgery and anesthesia; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the patients of Georgia rightly desire timely and convenient access to medical  
5 care of all types, including the variety of surgical and diagnostic procedures that may  
6 reasonably be undertaken in any environment of care; and

7 WHEREAS, because suitable equipment and technology are available so as to allow the  
8 individual practitioner to offer selected procedures or types of care in the practice or office  
9 environment, the number of office based surgical procedures will certainly increase; and

10 WHEREAS, patients reasonably expect that such care is appropriately offered and duly  
11 performed in a manner consistent with established standards of patient safety similar to those  
12 required in hospital and ambulatory surgery environments; and

13 WHEREAS, the American Medical Association has developed core principles of office  
14 based surgery along with the American College of Surgeons and other national medical  
15 specialty societies have developed consensus documents representing best practices for their  
16 members; and

17 WHEREAS, more than 26 states have, by act, regulation or guideline, adopted standards of  
18 patient care for office based surgery and anesthesia; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia is the only state in the Southeast without office based surgery  
20 regulations; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Board of Dentistry is considering promulgation of revisions to Rule

22 150-13-.01, titled Conscious Sedation Permits, and Rule 150-13-.02, titled Deep  
23 Sedation/General Anesthesia.

24 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 this body urges the Georgia Composite Medical Board to promulgate regulations which  
26 establish medically accepted standards of patient care in office based surgery and anesthesia.