

Senate Resolution 1222

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ADOPTED SENATE

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 for health
3 care providers licensed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board; and for 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 procedures that may reasonably be
6 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
18 of 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.

21 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body urges the
22 Georgia Composite Medical Board to promulgate regulations which establish medically

- 23 accepted standards of patient care in office based surgery and anesthesia for health care
24 providers regulated by the Georgia Composite Medical Board.