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“The Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) is pleased with the recent momentum gained for free-market health care reform. The overwhelming decision made by the House of Representatives to pass House Bill 977 on Crossover Day proves that the needs of Georgia’s uninsured are being taken to heart.”

“This legislation embodies MAG’s deeply-imbedded beliefs in quality care and patient choice. HB 977 will help lower health insurance costs from 10 to 30 percent, provide tax savings to small businesses offering health savings accounts to employees, and offer financial rewards and incentives for healthy behaviors.”

“MAG’s involvement in the Georgia Uninsured Work Group is part of a widespread and cooperative effort to bring positive and meaningful change to patients across the state. Yesterday’s vote brought this health care vision one step closer to reality.”