

**SUBJECT:** Issuing 36th Infantry Division souvenir and specialty license plates

**COMMITTEE:** Defense and Veterans' Affairs — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 7 ayes — S. King, Frank, Aycock, Blanco, Farias, Schaefer, Shaheen  
0 nays

**WITNESSES:** For — None  
Against — None  
On — Richard Noriega, 36th Infantry Division, TXARNG; Lester Simpson, Texas Military Forces; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Jeremiah Kuntz, Department of Motor Vehicles)

**DIGEST:** HB 923 would create the 36th Infantry Division specialty license plate and require the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon request, to issue the plates to people who had served in the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas Army National Guard. The license plates would be required to include the 36th Infantry Division emblem and the words “36th Infantry Division” at the bottom of each plate.  
  
The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** HB 923 would honor the service of Texans who had served and currently serve in the 36th Infantry Division. This division currently is the largest standing single formation of soldiers in the Texas Military Forces, and members of the division have included some of the most decorated soldiers of World War II.  
  
The bill could raise the morale of those currently serving in this division and the plates would serve as a traveling piece of education and history. The souvenir plates also would help younger soldiers honor and recognize those who served in the 36th Infantry Division.

OPPONENTS      No apparent opposition.  
SAY: