

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 912
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Borinqueneers were a segregated army regiment awarded a Congressional Gold Medal in 2014. They currently do not have a specialty license in Texas honoring their service to the United States for over a hundred years. This specialty license plate would honor:

- Their valiant efforts in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War; and
- The dedication they displayed for their country despite the prejudices they faced.

Provisions: H.B. 912 would:

- Have the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal.
- Require the issued license plate to include the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal emblem and the words "Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal" on the plate.
- Include the letter "B" as a prefix or suffix to the numerals on the plate, unless personalized.

H.B. 912 amends current law relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for recipients of the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 504.315, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (r), as follows:

(r) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal. Requires that license plates issued under this subsection include the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal emblem and the words "Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal" at the bottom of each plate. Requires that license plates issued under this subsection that are not personalized also include the letter "B" as a prefix or suffix to the numerals on each plate.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.