## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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## **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Interested parties note that the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas military forces, also known as the Arrowhead Division or the Texas Division, is currently the largest standing single formation of soldiers in the state military forces. The parties further point out that members of the esteemed division have included some of the most decorated soldiers of World War II. While current law provides for the issuance of specialty license plates for veterans with certain military affiliations and rewards, there is no such plate for the 36th Infantry Division. H.B. 923 seeks to honor those veterans who have served in the 36th Infantry Division by requiring the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a specialty license plate for persons who have served in the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas Army National Guard.

H.B. 923 amends current law relating to the issuance of 36th Infantry Division specialty license plates and souvenir license plates.

## **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 504.009, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (a-1), to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV), on request, to issue a souvenir version of the specialty license plate described by Section 504.320.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Section 504.320, as follows:

Sec. 504.320. 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for persons who have served in the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas Army National Guard. Requires that the license plates include the 36th Infantry Division emblem and include the words "36th Infantry Division" at the bottom of each plate.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2015.

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