



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Committee Bill No. 6724

LCO No. 5724



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE NUMBER PLATE
IN RECOGNITION OF "THE BORINQUEENERS".***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) (a) On and after January 1,
2 2026, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue commemorative
3 number plates in recognition of the primarily Puerto Rican members of
4 the Sixty-Fifth Infantry Regiment of the United States Army who served
5 with distinction and were known as "The Borinqueneers". The design of
6 the number plates shall be determined by the Commissioner of Motor
7 Vehicles in consultation with Hispanic-American Veterans of
8 Connecticut, Inc. No use shall be made of such plates, except as official
9 registration marker plates.
- 10 (b) A fee of sixty dollars shall be charged for "The Borinqueneers"
11 commemorative number plates, in addition to the regular fee or fees
12 prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle. Fifteen dollars of such
13 fee shall be deposited in an account controlled by the Department of
14 Motor Vehicles to be used for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing
15 and replacing such number plates, and forty-five dollars of such fee

16 shall be deposited in an account to be used by Hispanic-American
17 Veterans of Connecticut, Inc. for the purposes of subsection (c) of this
18 section. No additional fee shall be charged in connection with the
19 renewal of such number plates. No transfer fee shall be charged for the
20 transfer of an existing registration to or from a registration with "The
21 Borinqueneers" commemorative number plates. Such number plates
22 shall have letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner of Motor
23 Vehicles. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may establish a higher
24 fee for number plates: (1) Which contain the numbers and letters from a
25 previously issued number plate; (2) which contain letters in place of
26 numbers, as authorized by section 14-49 of the general statutes, in
27 addition to the fee or fees prescribed for registration under said section;
28 and (3) which are low number plates, issued in accordance with section
29 14-160 of the general statutes, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed
30 for registration under said section. All fees established and collected
31 pursuant to this section, except the amount deposited in the account
32 controlled by the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be deposited in
33 the "Hispanic-American Veterans of Connecticut" commemorative
34 account, established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. The
35 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance
36 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish
37 standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and replacement of
38 "The Borinqueneers" commemorative number plates.

39 (c) There is established the "Hispanic-American Veterans of
40 Connecticut" commemorative account which shall be a separate,
41 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain
42 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. The funds
43 in said account shall be used by Hispanic-American Veterans of
44 Connecticut, Inc. to provide bilingual services and assistance to
45 Connecticut veterans and members of the armed forces. Hispanic-
46 American Veterans of Connecticut, Inc. may receive private donations
47 to said account and any such donations shall be deposited in said
48 account.

49 (d) The funds in the account shall be distributed quarterly by the
50 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to Hispanic-American
51 Veterans of Connecticut, Inc.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
---	--	--

Section 1	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	New section
-----------	------------------------	-------------

Statement of Purpose:

To recognize and honor "The Borinqueneers" with a special motor vehicle number plate.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

Co-Sponsors: REP. NOLAN, 39th Dist.; REP. REYES, 75th Dist.
REP. DIGIOVANCARLO, 74th Dist.; REP. VAIL, 52nd Dist.

H.B. 6724