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House Bill 1386  
Economic Matters

(Delegate Rudolph)

Finance

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Exhibitors - Licensure - National Convention Exemption

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This bill establishes that an exhibitor is authorized to participate in one show sponsored by a national nonprofit organization without counting that participation toward the three-show limit for unlicensed traders.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The bill would not materially affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** In general, a person must have a trader's license whenever the person does business as a trader or an exhibitor in the State. These requirements do not apply to a grower, maker, or manufacturer of goods; a nonresident traveling salesperson; or a private individual who sells personal effects on his or her property, subject to certain limits.

An exhibitor is not required to hold a trader's license if participating in a show that is promoted by a church, a unit of government, an amateur radio organization, an antique vehicle association, a volunteer fire department, or a model train collectors' association.

An exhibitor is also exempted from trader licensing requirements if the exhibitor receives less than 10% of his or her annual income from the kinds of goods exhibited at the show and has not participated in more than three shows in the last year.

With certain exceptions, a clerk of the circuit court with appropriate jurisdiction must issue a trader's license to an individual who meets all applicable requirements and submits a fee based on the value of the individual's stock-in-trade. The clerk must state on the license the trader's fixed place of business; however, the holder may do business in any part of the State. A trader's license issued to an exhibitor authorizes the holder to do business as an exhibitor at any show in the State.

**Background:** Every year about three coin collector shows occur in Baltimore City, which draw participants from across the nation. This year, Baltimore has been selected to host a fourth coin collector show conducted by a national association.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 900 (Senator Klausmeier) – Finance.

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