

## HR 2297

Tax Filing Simplification Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

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**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Apr 12, 2019)

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 12, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Taxation

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1194	Related bill	<b>Apr 11, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Tax Filing Simplification Act of 2019**

This bill requires the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to establish and operate the following programs free of charge

- online tax preparation and filing software,
- a program for taxpayers to download third-party provided return information relating to individual income tax returns,
- a program to permit individuals with simplified tax situations to elect to have the IRS prepare their returns, and
- a program to provide technical assistance and disclose federal income tax return information to states that provide or seek to provide state-level tax filing and preparation software.

The IRS may not enter into any agreement that restricts its legal right to provide tax return preparation services, software, or tax return filing services.

Individuals participating in, or accessing information from, the programs established by this bill must verify their identity to the satisfaction of the IRS. The IRS may not employ knowledge-based verification procedures to verify the identity of the individuals.

### **Actions Timeline**

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