



## MEMO OF SUPPORT

### [S10282 \(Skoufis\) / A1883 \(Rosenthal\)](#)

*Requires NYS to establish free tax filing software*

May 29, 2026

#### **TITLE OF BILL**

An act directing the department of taxation and finance to create and implement an online program which will enable each New York state taxpayer to prepare and electronically file such taxpayer's federal and state income tax returns free of charge.

#### **STATEMENT OF SUPPORT**

Reinvent Albany strongly supports this bill because it will make government work better for New Yorkers.

Tax filing season is a source of endless stress for Americans – unsurprising, as our tax code is rife with carve-outs for corporations and the ultra-wealthy. [In other developed countries](#), tax returns are automated or simply require a few clicks. To file taxes in the United States, most Americans must pay \$75 or more to sit through an hour of slow loading screens, useless questions, and cruft.

The federal government recently added insult to injury by [terminating its free tax filing program](#) at the behest of filing companies. New York can make up for this by creating its own program. We urge the Legislature to pass the bill.

#### **SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS**

Section 1 authorizes and requires the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance to create and implement free online software through which New Yorkers could file their state and federal taxes within 180 days of the bill's effective date.

Section 2 states that the bill takes effect immediately.