

“As your representative, your safety and well-being during these difficult times is my top priority. I’ve been working hard to pass legislation that provides financial relief to renters and homeowners and helps our communities better weather this crisis together.”



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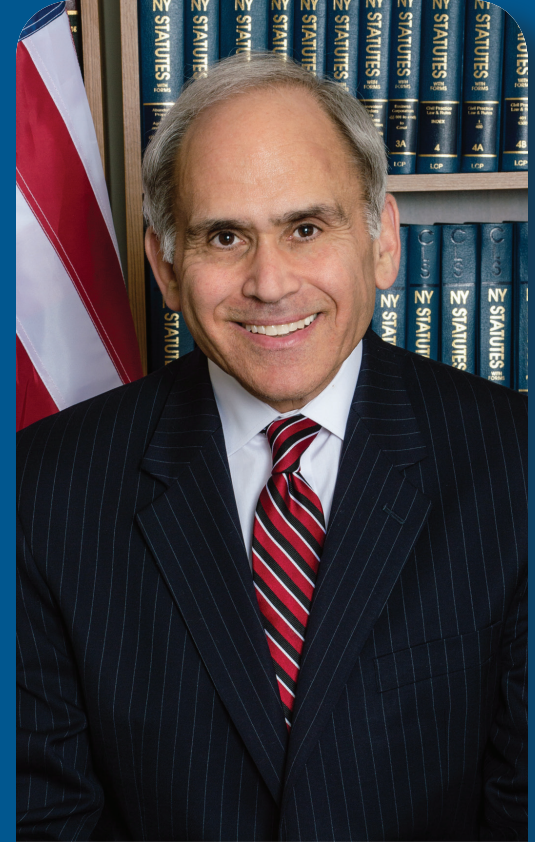
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COVID-19 legislation

that Assemblymember
Jacobson helped pass

**Assemblymember
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**Fighting for
Hudson Valley
Families**

Protecting Nursing Home Residents

Assemblymember Jacobson was one of the first legislators to protest nursing homes taking in infected patients, writing to the Commissioner of the State Health Department. This policy was later reversed. When the Governor required the testing of nursing home workers but omitted the testing of residents, Jacobson called for the testing of residents as well. He has proposed legislation to deal with the lack of testing (A.10564).

Safety in Courtrooms

Since a Newburgh city court employee tested positive for COVID-19 in June, Assemblymember Jacobson has called for improved safety procedures in courtrooms, including the installation of barriers at the judge's bench, witness stand and near jurors to help prevent the spread of the virus. Jacobson noted that the lack of proper safeguards in courtrooms would deter the public from participating in the legal system or seeking justice. He has proposed legislation to remedy this situation (A.10809).

Tips to prevent the spread

Some ways that you can protect yourself and others from COVID-19:



Wash your hands frequently



Avoid close contact with those who are sick



Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth or face mask



Frequently clean and disinfect surfaces



Avoid large gatherings and stay home whenever possible

Combating the Effects of the Pandemic

Assemblymember Jacobson spearheaded legislation to help reduce the impact of COVID-19, including sponsoring a law that would provide sick leave for workers who are subject to mandatory or voluntary isolation or quarantine due to the coronavirus (Ch. 25 of 2020, A.10153).

Jacobson also helped pass legislation that:

Protecting renters and homeowners

- › provides \$100 million in short-term rental assistance to renters and landlords (Ch. 125 of 2020, A.10522)
- › prevents landlords from evicting tenants due to unpaid rent during the COVID-19 state of emergency (Ch. 127 of 2020, A.10290-B)
- › prevents utility companies from terminating services for New Yorkers who are unable to work or have had their wages reduced due to a state of emergency (Ch. 108 and 126 of 2020, A.10521 and A.10530)
- › authorizes local governments to place moratoriums on tax lien sales and foreclosures for up to five years (A.10518)
- › requires mortgage lenders to provide a six-month forbearance period to homeowners that have lost income (Ch. 112 of 2020, A.10351-B)
- › authorizes localities to defer tax payments or create installment payments (A.10252-A)

Protecting families, schools and small businesses

- › prohibits price gouging of medical supplies and services and any other essential goods and services needed for the health or welfare of the community (Ch. 90 of 2020, A.10270)
- › ensures schools that closed due to COVID-19 will not have state aid withheld (Ch. 107 of 2020, A.10189-A)
- › allows industrial development agencies (IDAs) to provide loans to small businesses and not-for-profit organizations, as well as offer these establishments grants to purchase personal protective equipment (Ch. 109 of 2020, A.10294-A)
- › allows volunteer firefighters and emergency responders to earn points for service award programs during a state disaster emergency (Ch. 113 of 2020, A.10438-A)
- › extends library project deadlines by 12 months (Ch. 120 of 2020, A.10465)