



### First District Tour

Assemblyman Jones traveled to all 37 towns across the 115th Assembly District, speaking with local officials, veteran organizations, small-business owners and community leaders. He held town hall meetings to hear directly from the community about the issues that matter most in the North Country, including infrastructure, education, substance use disorders and rural health care. As always, he's here for you and will be the strong voice you deserve in Albany.

## Assemblyman Billy Jones

Working for North Country Families

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## Year-end update



"I'm working every day to ensure that North Country families can grow and thrive here. Whether it's traveling around the district to hear about the issues that impact you, helping keep our kids safe or eliminating barriers for local projects, I'm fighting for you."

— Assemblyman Billy Jones

# Assemblyman Billy Jones is looking out for the North Country



## Legislative Accomplishments

Assemblyman Jones had five pieces of legislation signed into law this year that:

- **Dedicate a local bridge as the “Gordie Little Memorial Bridge”** in honor of Gordie Little, a North Country icon (*Ch. 87 of 2017*).
- **Allow children attending camp to apply camp-authorized insect repellent with the written consent of a parent or guardian.** Previously, children were required to provide a doctor’s note to carry and use repellents (*Ch. 163 of 2017*).
- **Add pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) to the state’s health care and wellness education and outreach program** (*Ch. 199 of 2017*). Assemblyman Jones was inspired by a local family battling the disease and wants to ensure more kids get treated sooner.
- **Establish the state Department of Health rural health council** to advise the state health commissioner on the unique challenges facing rural health care in New York (*Ch. 419 of 2017*).
- **Extend the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)** to provide low-cost financial assistance to municipalities for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements and other environmental projects (*Ch. 137 of 2017*).

Jones also secured **\$250,000 in the budget for Older Adults Technology Services to help seniors use technology** to improve their interconnectivity and their quality of life.

## Amendments to the State Constitution

In November, voters approved two amendments to the state constitution that Assemblyman Jones helped put on the ballot. **One establishes the Adirondack Land Bank to cut red tape and minimize delays** for Adirondack communities working on simple public utility projects and the other **strips taxpayer-funded pensions from officials convicted of corruption.**



## Meal Assistance Program

If you need help making meals, whether you’re in recovery from a medical procedure or because you’re no longer able to make them yourself, you may be eligible for meal assistance. **New Yorkers who are no longer able to prepare meals, may be able to receive nutritious and balanced meals, up to five days a week, delivered to their residence.** Through the meal assistance program, recipients receive up-to-date information on healthy eating, wellness and healthy habits, as well as assistance from registered dietitians who can help privately answer questions about diabetes, weight loss or gain and healthy eating.

Eligibility for meal assistance is based on a number of factors and is determined on a case-by-case basis. If you are 60 years of age or older, or are unable to prepare meals for yourself, you may be eligible. Additionally, spouses and people with disabilities may be eligible, even if they are not 60 years old. To apply, **contact your local Office for the Aging** or local NY Connects Program.



## Summer Reading Challenge

Assemblyman Jones invited North Country parents and their children to participate in his Summer Reading Challenge, which kicked off in July. In partnership with local schools and New York State libraries, the challenge encouraged children to use their summer leisure time to strengthen their reading skills and build on the progress they made throughout the school year. Children were asked to read a book for a minimum of 15 minutes a day for at least 40 days during July and August to complete the challenge.

This year’s theme was **“Building a Better World,”** which encouraged young people to think about ways they can lend a hand in their communities. Jones visited local schools throughout the fall to hand out New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading certificates to kids who had completed the challenge.

