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Opinion: Pandemic lesson, prohibition policies don't make us safer

On March 12, the Senate overwhelmingly killed a bill to permit direct shipment of wine in Mississippi. This vote didn't age well.

The bill would have made Mississippi the 44th state in the country to allow consumers to purchase wine and have it shipped directly to their house. Currently in Mississippi, a control state, you are limited to what the state has in stock, limiting your freedom to choose the wine you prefer. If ABC doesn't have it available, you don't have that option without jumping through traditional government hoops. All to acquire a bottle of wine, something that's been legal at the national level for 90 years. But on an early session deadline day, the bill came to the floor and was defeated 32-13, with just 12 Republicans and one Democrat voting for the bill.

Just a few days later, the legislature went home, schools were closed, and a large chunk of the state was shut down because of the coronavirus pandemic. Mississippians were staying in, and using technology to work from home, video chat with friends and family, order groceries, and have food from their favorite restaurant delivered to their front door.

Almost overnight, we realized how important technol-

ogy was, how it impacts virtually every area of our life, and how limitations generally come from government, not the lack of entrepreneurs. A glaring example, the inability to have alcohol delivered to your house in Mississippi.

If you wanted wine delivered to your house from a winery in California, or if

you just wanted something from a local liquor store to be delivered via an app like Drizly, you are out of luck. After the direct shipment vote in the Senate failed, it looked like alcohol freedom was never coming to Mississippi. But the pandemic changed things. Soon, the Department of Revenue was

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