

## **Wine needs to be sold in liquor stores**

I am a product of the mom-and-pop liquor store. The little store on Second Avenue South at Peabody Street in Nashville was bought by Pop, who had managed insurance offices and sold insurance, and it offered him a chance to be at home each night.

After he died, Mom worked from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. in the liquor store for years. This provided a college education for me and a modestly comfortable living for her until she retired. Like the family drugstores that have almost all disappeared as drug sales opened in large chain stores, the family liquor store would follow to oblivion if wine is sold in grocery stores. Those jobs will be lost.

With limited floor and shelf space in grocery stores, there cannot be many, if any, jobs created by allowing wine to be sold in these stores. When a wine customer wants a good selection, competitive prices and knowledgeable advice, the wine shops and liquor stores offer the service they need.

The editorial April 7 mentions that wine buyers don't want to "walk 100 more steps to the liquor store next door." If this is true, I say, no wonder Nashvillians are overweight as they are not willing to walk to help offset the 150 or so calories from a small glass of wine.

Leave the wine only in the liquor and wine stores where it belongs. Let the winos drive to the door of the wine and liquor stores and walk in to make their purchases. Exercise is good.

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