



## CYBERSECURITY

### [VPNFilter Worse Than Previously Reported](#)

We previously reported that the FBI has warned consumers about a nasty malware, known as VPNFilter and believed to have been launched by a Russian government hacking group, which is infecting hundreds of thousands of small business and home routers [view related [post](#)]. Apparently the malware is much worse than anyone previously thought, and Cisco's Talos security team says the malware is more powerful and is infecting a larger number of routers than originally reported. [Read more](#)

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### [Opening a Bank Account with a Smartphone—Dodd-Frank Roll-Back Making Online Banking Easier](#)

President Trump recently signed into law the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act, which is already making waves in the financial sector for its repeal of certain Dodd-Frank provisions that were passed in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. Banks and other financial institutions should take note, however, that the Act also contains provisions designed to facilitate the modernization of certain banking practices. As one example, the new law includes the Making Online Banking Initiation Legal and Easy (MOBILE) Act which allows financial institutions to digitally onboard new customers who provide a scanned driver's license or personal identification card. This practice is already permitted by some states, but thanks to the [MOBILE Act](#), banking customers nationwide will soon be able to open accounts with nothing more than a smartphone. [Read more](#)

## ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

### [LabMD Wins Against FTC—11th Circuit Vacates Enforcement Order Against It](#)

We have been watching the LabMD/FTC case for a long time. We have written about it [view related posts [here](#)], read the book about it that was hand delivered to our office by the CEO of LabMD, debated

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it in privacy law class, and marveled at the energy and focus of Mike Daugherty over the years to fight what he believed to be an injustice against him and his company by the federal government. The case has taken many turns and at times has been very hard to follow. Suffice it to say, the FTC alleged that LabMD did not have sufficient security measures in place to protect the information of patients and started an enforcement action against it. [Read more](#)

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## **DRONES**

### **[FAA to Require Recertification for Commercial Drone Pilots](#)**

Last week, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced that it will require recertification for those who receive a Remote Pilot Airman Certificate under Part 107 small unmanned aircraft system (UAS or drone) regulations. The certification will only have a 24-month shelf life, at which time the pilot will need to recertify their knowledge through additional testing. The test will ask pilots about weather, loading and performance of the drone, and updates on regulation and airspace requirements. These questions will make up 70-80 percent of the recertification test. The remaining questions will focus on remote operation knowledge, emergency procedures, and drone maintenance. Be sure to keep up with the FAA's recertification requirements before flying your drone for commercial purposes. [Read more](#)

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### **[FAA's LAANC Expands to Western North United States](#)**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has launched the next wave of its beta Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability (LAANC) system in the western north region of the United States. LAANC helps to support the integration of drones into the national airspace. LAANC allows drone operators to obtain real-time airspace authorizations from air traffic controllers, which greatly decreases the lag time associated with the manual airspace authorization process. [Read more](#)

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### **[How Artificial Intelligence is Helping the Drone Industry](#)**

Drones may be a relatively new technology, but artificial intelligence (AI) is already taking over. Autonomous drones are becoming more and more prevalent across all types of industries—from agriculture to construction to insurance. AI has actually started to become a force to be reckoned with in the drone industry. AI not only has taken on the task of autonomous flight, but also processing data collected during missions and turning it into actionable information and insights. Now, an operator can press a button and fly the drone's mission, but the drone (through its AI technology and software systems) can also

patch photos together and picks out important data relevant to the mission and the underlying business purpose. Of course, in the areas that require more complex decision-making, humans will remain in charge for the foreseeable future to offer their expertise and experience. [Read more](#)

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**PRIVACY TIP #142**

**[Ticketfly Purchasers: Read This](#)**

This week's privacy tip focuses on a cyber incident reported by Ticketfly. The company was recently targeted by a hacker, self-dubbed IsHaKdZ. [Read more](#)

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