

**THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 175 of 1927**

**764.21 Right to break open inner or outer door.**

Sec. 21. A private person, when making an arrest for a felony committed in his or her presence, or a peace officer or federal law enforcement officer, when making an arrest with a warrant or when making a felony arrest without a warrant as authorized by law, may break open an inner or outer door of a building in which the person to be arrested is located or is reasonably believed to be located if, after announcing his or her purpose, he or she is refused admittance.

**History:** 1927, Act 175, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;—CL 1929, 17155;—CL 1948, 764.21;—Am. 1987, Act 256, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987.