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We calculate the transition radiation process $\nu \rightarrow \nu \gamma$ at the border of two different mediums. The neutrinos are taken to be with only standard-model couplings. The medium fulfills the dual purpose of inducing an effective neutrino-photon vertex and of modifying the photon dispersion relation. We find that the probability of transition radiation is larger by three orders of magnitude (using the medium induced neutrino-photon vertex) than previous calculations (using vacuum induced vertex). The transition probability is about 10^{-18} for the electron density typical for neutron stars surface.

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